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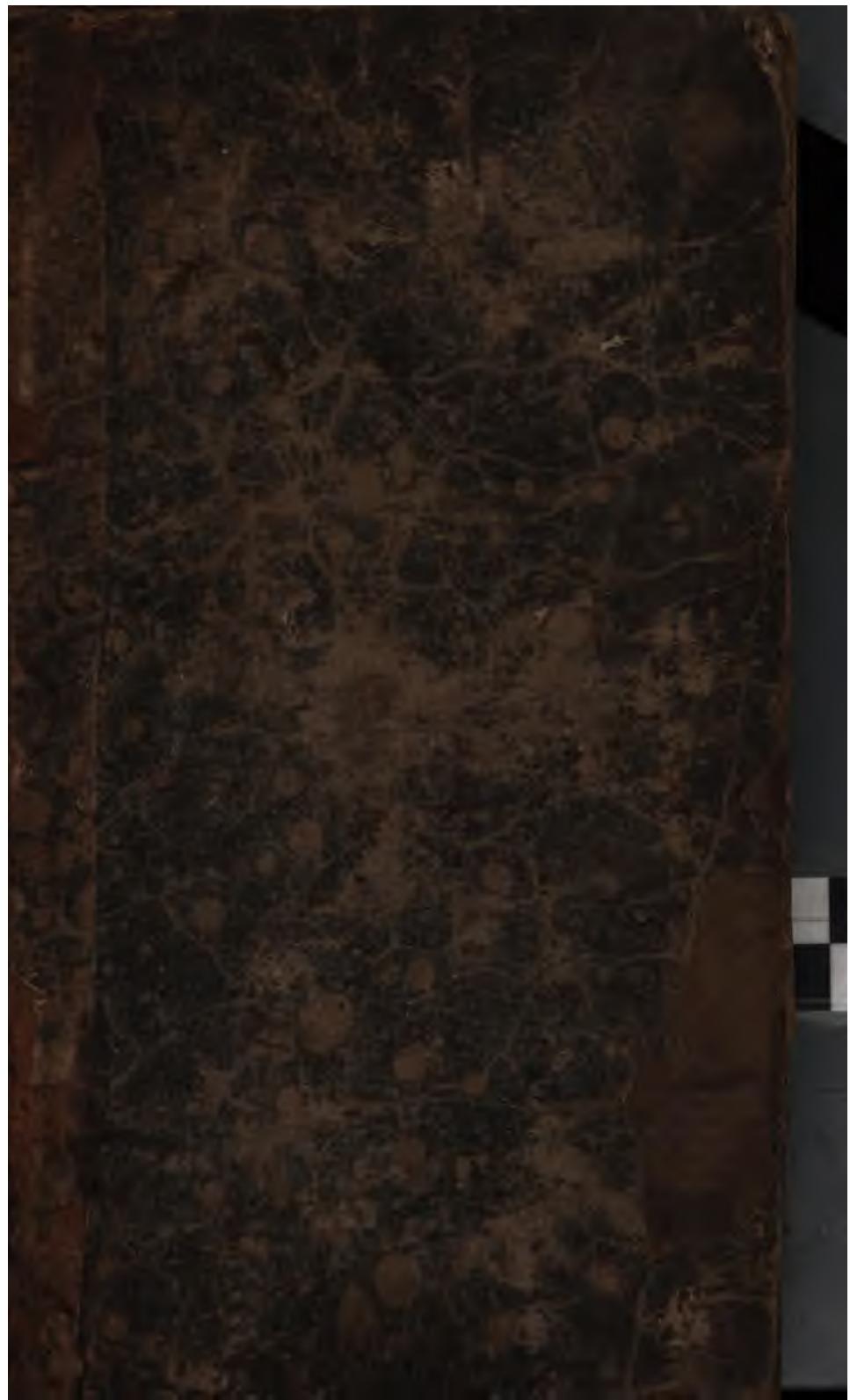
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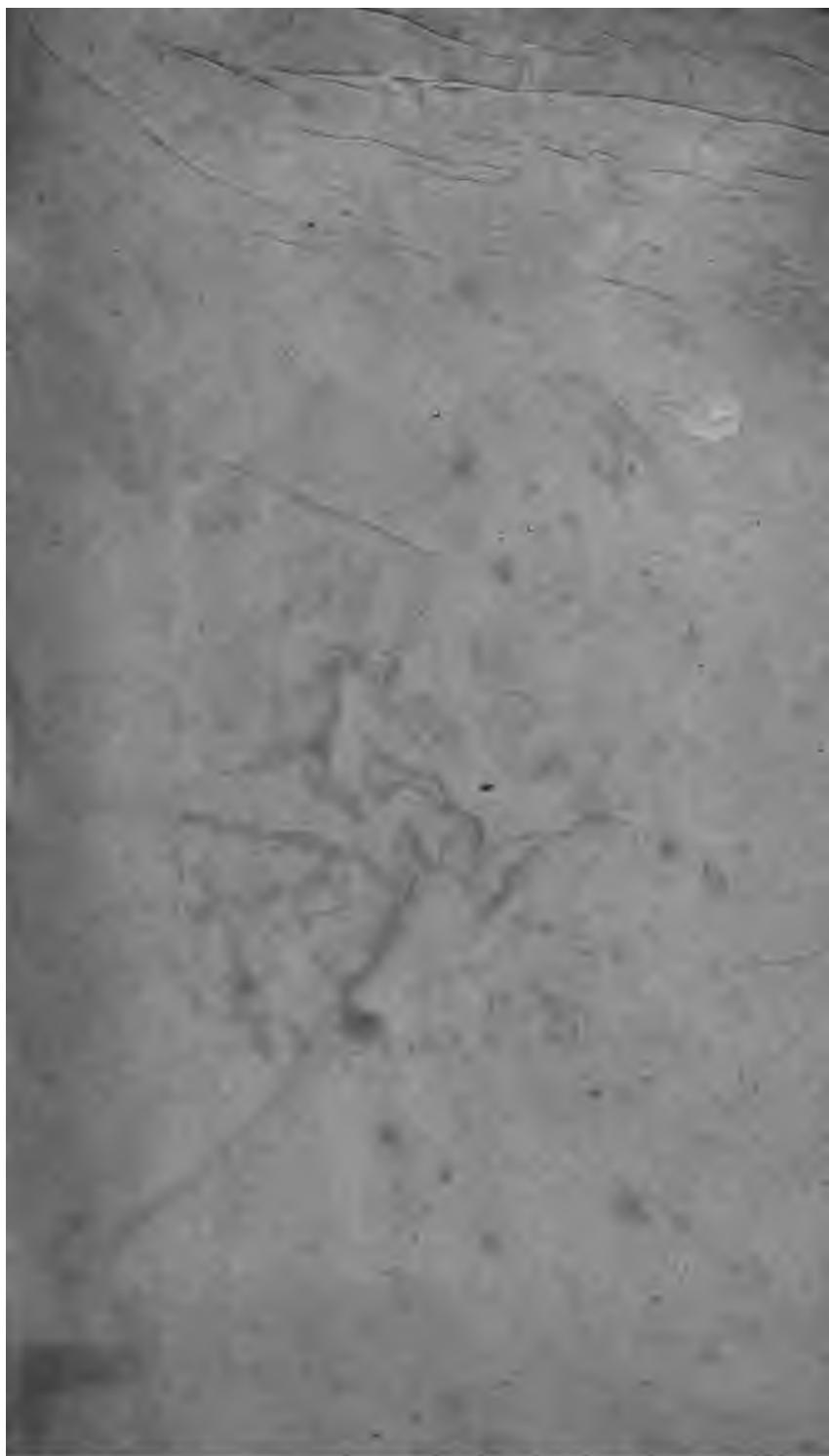
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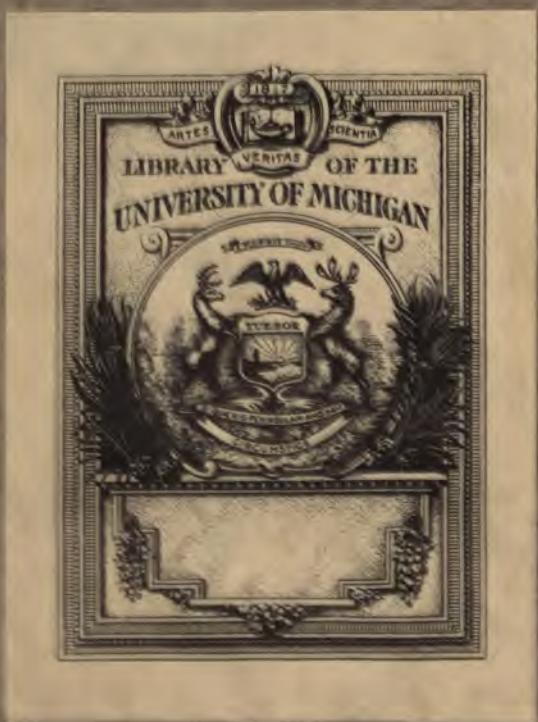
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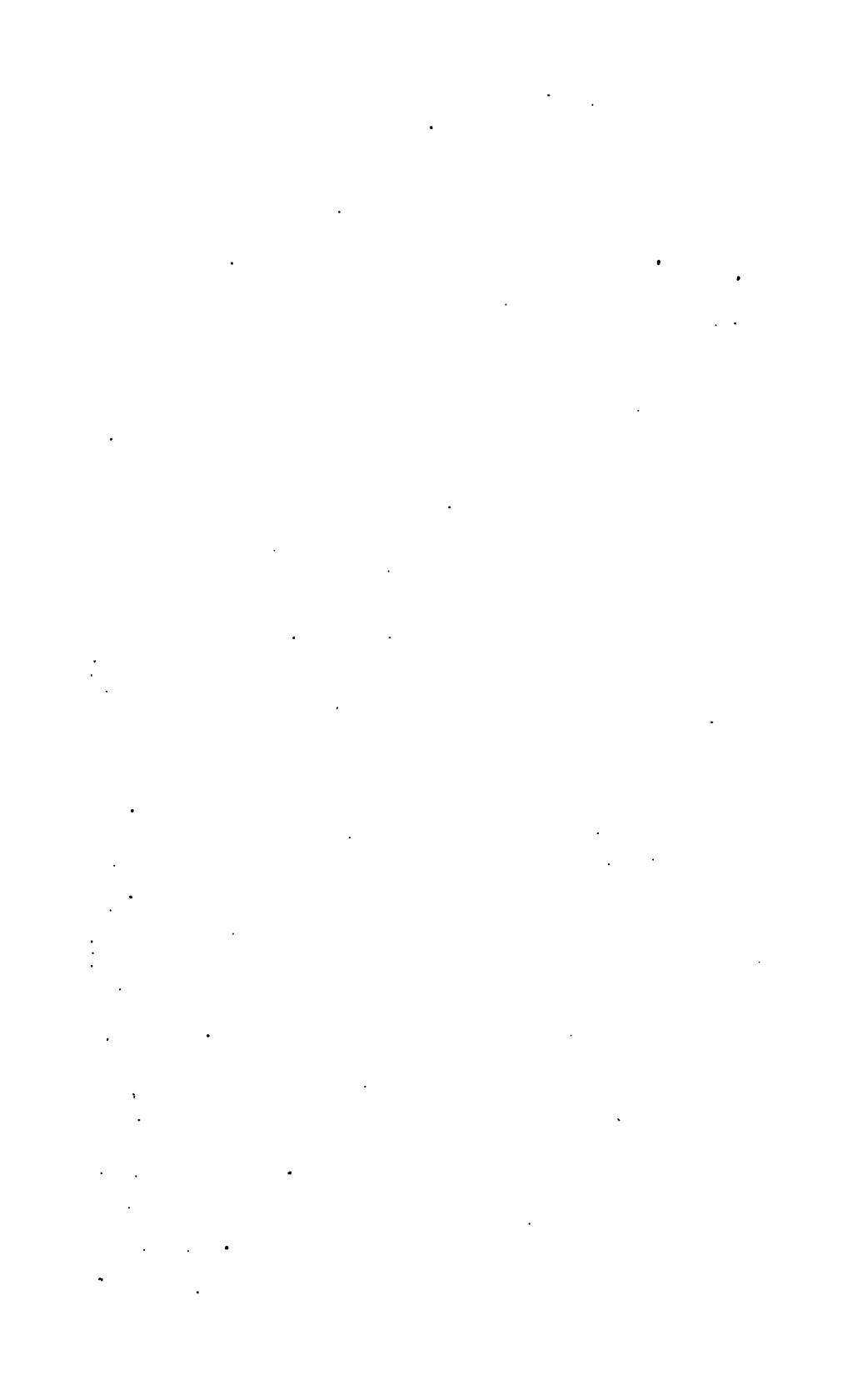
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AN  
ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
MANY AND GREAT  
LOANS,  
**BENEFACtIONS & CHARITIES,**

BELONGING TO THE  
CITY OF COVENTRY,

To which is annexed,

*A COPY OF THE DECRETAL ORDER,*

OF THE  
COURT OF CHANCERY,

RELATING TO  
THE MEMORABLE CHARITY OF  
**SIR THOMAS WHITE.**

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TO THE

**FREEMEN,**

AND

**POOR INHABITANTS,**

OF THE

**CITY OF COVENTRY,**

**THIS WORK,**

FIRST UNDERTAKEN AND NOW PUBLISHED

FOR THEIR

INTEREST AND WELWARE,

*Is Dedicated by their*

**HEARTY WELWISHERS,**

**THE COLLECTORS,**

**AB, CD, EF, GH, &c.**



## PREFACE.

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IT cannot be necessary to trouble the Reader with a long account of the usefulness of this collection; for if it does not speak for itself, it can hardly be supported by the most moving things that can be said in praise and commendation of charity.

A due regard to the memory of the pious Benefactors, as well as a hearty inclination to do service to the poor and needy, will not fail, in the eyes of all *honest* and *impartial* men, to justify the publication of the following sheets.

It is possible, to a work of this nature, many objections may be raised from the fears and jealousies of some, and the interest and prejudices of others. To all which it may be sufficient to say, in general (since the mention of particulars might open a way to personal reflections) that every member of society has an indisputable right to be informed of his property; that fraud and injustice, whether committed in a public or private capacity, are still the same things; and that no power whatsoever ought to be maintained and supported at the expence of charitable gifts and benefactions.

If those who are respectively concerned in the disposal of these Charities do faithfully discharge their trust, this account will procure them honor and esteem, by bearing witness to their upright and honest dealings; if otherwise, it may prove useful in rectifying any past misconduct, and in guarding the several benefactions from embezzlement and misapplication for the future.

The Collectors cannot but persuade themselves that their enquiries have been very successful, and will be found liable to few exceptions, considering the difficulty and tediousness of the work, as well as the want of many materials, which being deposited in the Corporation Treasury, are not within the reach of their inspection. This they can with safety affirm, that as this work was not undertaken out of pique or prejudice to any one, nor with a design to procure any profit or advantage to themselves, so they have not industriously misrepresented any one gift or distribution, nor concealed the truth of any one fact which came to their knowledge.

The particulars are extracted from such minutes and accounts as lie scattered up and down in the books and writings of those who were formerly Clerks or Members of the C—c—l House, or some way or other em-  
ployed

ployed to take copies or make abstracts of deeds and writings belonging to the C—p—n; among whom the persons of principal note and authority were, the two Mr. Burtons, and the late Alderman Edward Owen, whose great knowledge of the city affairs, joined with an hearty attachment to its interest, will remove all suspicion of ignorance or misrepresentation in them.

The account that is given of the Loan Money is long and tedious, but we hope excusable, because a shorter account would not have been so full a proof of the reality of its being and continuance, nor have furnished those who are interested in it with sufficient means for their future enquiries.

The Collectors hope there is little occasion, in a work of this nature, to make any apology for the style and manner of expression in which the several donations are related; they have generally made use of the very words and sentences as they found them in the wills or deeds of the Benefactors; or in the books and writings from whence these accounts are respectively taken: whenever they have done otherwise, they have endeavoured to express the purport and meaning of the wills, &c. in the most plain and intelligible manner; their chief design being not to entertain the taste of a polite reader,

reader, but to give the present, as well as future generations, a true knowledge of their just right and property.

The Reader will please to observe, that they have not in this account made any deduction or allowance for quit-rents or taxes, to which many of the Charity Estates are subject. The former are in general so small and insignificant, as not to deserve their notice ; and the latter being fluctuating and changeable, cannot with certainty be deducted or allowed.

They have thought fit to insert several marginal notes,\* either by way of illustration or reference to some matters of fact which they found supported by good authority. Many of these notes may, to an indifferent Reader, seem to have little purport or significance ; but to those who are acquainted with the constitution of this C—ty, or are desirous to make further enquiries into the state of the Charities, the Collectors doubt not but they will be found of very great use and service.

That some particulars have escaped their notice, and that for want of materials they have not been able to give a full account of others, is what may easily be allowed ; for it is next to an impossibility that a work of this nature

\* These Notes, in the present Edition, are inserted in the body of the work.

nature should be perfectly compleat; and it may rather seem matter of wonder that the Collectors have discovered so much, than that they have not been able to discover all that relates to the subject.

Those who can have easy access to the original deeds and writings, and whose duty and real interest it is to have every benefaction applied according to the intention of the Founder, would usefully employ themselves, if, instead of perverting any part of these Charities to the defence of the embezzlement or misapplication of them, they would correct such mistakes as may possibly occur in the ensuing work, by more authentic proofs and better authority than the Collectors have given. If no attempt of this kind be made within a reasonable compass of time, it may justly be presumed that this account is true and genuine in all the material parts of it, and may safely be depended upon by those who claim any interest in these Charities, or are piously disposed to see the same fixed and established upon a firm and lasting foundation.



*An ACCOUNT of the several LOAN MONIES  
(excepting those of Sir Thomas White) setting  
forth in what manner they were formerly dis-  
posed of, and in whose hands the same respec-  
tively were, upon bond or otherwise, about the  
year 1690; taken from the books of Mr.  
Humphrey and Mr. Simon Burton, late Clerks  
to the Council-House of this City: to which is  
added, some Account of the disposal and Re-  
ceipts of certain Loan Monies, or of the bonds  
thereunto belonging, in several subsequent years.*

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MR. JOHN HADDON, Draper, and Alder-  
man of this city, gives by will, March 23, 1518,  
300l. and orders the same to be lodged in a substan-  
tial chest in the treasury in St. Mary's-Hall;—100l.  
for the use of the Wardens, who are to have part  
thereof at the entering in of their offices, to repair  
the lands of the said city; and to be bound by oath  
to bring in the same within their year, that it may  
be ready for their successors.—*Item*, 100l. for  
young men of the Fellowship of Drapers, upon their  
finding good security, towards buying broad-cloth,  
narrow-cloth, or wool, to be returned at Martinmas,  
or soon after, that it may be delivered to others of  
the said Company after Christmas.—*Item*, 100l. for  
the Commoners of all occupations, upon good secu-  
rity, as much money apiece as will buy twenty stone  
of wool, to be returned soon after Michaelmas, that  
others may have it at the beginning of the new year.  
He orders that land be appointed to recompense  
the

the Key Keepers<sup>a</sup> of the ~~old~~ chest, for their trouble, and the Clerk for his ~~negl~~ in writing obligations, and keeping an account of the said monies.

In 1671, T. Francis and B. Bays, Wardens for that year, had 60l. of this money, and were ordered by Mr. Bewley, Mayor, to return the same for the use of the succeeding Wardens.

Mr. John Herring, Mayor in the year 1612, delivered forth 200l. of Mr. Haddon's loan money, to be repaid at the Feast of St. Andrew, 1613.

To twenty men of the Company of Drapers, five pounds a man—100l.

To twenty-five men, Commoners of this city, four pounds a man—100l.

And in the year 1683, this loan money, as delivered forth by Mr. Edward Bradney, Mayor, to be repaid at the Feast of St. Andrew, 1684, is entered in the following manner:

#### DRAPERS.

Mr. James Nailer, 1681, Mr. Nat. Harryman,<sup>b</sup> 1666, Mr. Edward Bradney, 1678, Mr. Jonathan Daniel,<sup>c</sup> 1682, Joseph Billers, 1677, Henry Rose,<sup>d</sup> 1677, Francis Clark, 1672, Benjamin Bayes, William Wright, Thomas Whithell, 10l. Mr. James Nailer, James Bathurst, 10l. Thomas Dudley,<sup>e</sup> 5l. Samuel Legg, 5l. John Nichols, 5l. Ann Whithel, widow, 5l. John Benwick, 5l. Francis Nall, 3l.

#### COMMONERS.

Jonah Crynes,<sup>f</sup> 10l. 1681; Henry Cook,<sup>g</sup> 10l. 1680; William Wightman, 10l. 1680; William Mitchel, 10l. 1678; Edw. Rogers, 10l. 1680; Samuel Palmer,

<sup>a</sup> The Mayor, and the Master of the Drapers Company for the time being.—<sup>b</sup> Received by Mr. Olds, Treasurer, in 1701.—<sup>c</sup> His bond was delivered to Mr. Olds, Treasurer, in 1701.—<sup>d</sup> Paid to Mr. Hayward, Treasurer.—<sup>e</sup> Four pounds of Dudley's was paid into the Council-House. <sup>f</sup> His bond was delivered to Mr. Olds, Treasurer, in 1701.—<sup>g</sup> Received by Mr. Olds, Treasurer, in 1700.

Palmer, 10l. G. Porter, <sup>h</sup> 1l. Joseph Ash, <sup>h</sup> 3l. Simon Bourn, <sup>h</sup> 4l. John Bedford, 4l. John Ebourn, 4l. Roger Poulton, 4l. Joan Hotham, 5l. William Gibbs, <sup>h</sup> 5l. Humphrey Foster, 4l. Thomas Bates, <sup>h</sup> 4l. Nich. Dobson, <sup>h</sup> 4l. Thomas Bowater, <sup>h</sup> 4l.

Mr. S. B. says at the end of this entry, though he does not specify all the particulars, “ *Here is an account of 200l. of Mr. Haddon’s money.*”

For the next five years following there is no entry. But in the year 1698, Mr. Bradney’s bond for 10l. of this money was delivered to Edward Owen, A. And the 10l. were granted to Joseph Poole, narrow-weaver. In the same year the 10l. which Mr. Mitchel had, were received and granted to the said Joseph Poole. And in 1701, Benjamin Welton’s 10l. of this money, which was granted him in 1693, were received by Mr. Olds, Treasurer.

In 1706, were delivered to Mr. Hazard, Mayor, Alderman Cater, Alderman Goodall, and Mr. Olds, two 10l. bonds for Mr. Haddon’s loan money, which had been received by John Ebourn and Robert Johnson—300l.



Mr. HENRY OVER,<sup>i</sup> a Mercer by trade, Mayor, 1543 (by whom Sir Thomas White’s purchase was negotiated) gave 500l. to be put out to fifty men of this city, 10l. a man *gratis* for three years, and so for ever.

On St. Michael’s day, 1612, Mr. John Herring, Mayor, delivered forth of this money, thirty-one 10l. to thirty-one persons, to be repaid on St. Michael’s

<sup>h</sup> Paid into the Council House. — <sup>i</sup> The Corporation have in their custody a book called Over’s Book, which contains his will, &c. but it does not appear to the Collectors, whether these loan monies were given by will or otherwise.

Michael's day, 1615. In the year 1672, there were out upon loan 30l. more, in all 330l.

And in 1681 (Mr. Edward Owen, Mayor) the account of Mr. Over's loan money, which was to be repaid on St Michael's day, 1684, is entered as follows:

|  |   |   |   |   |       |
|--|---|---|---|---|-------|
| John Deacon, William Deacon, of Barliston, and John Holmes                     | : | : | : | : | £10   |
| Alexander Edwards, <sup>k</sup> & al.  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Joseph Nicholls, <sup>l</sup> 1675, afterwards granted to Mat-<br>thew Goodall | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| John Basnet, <sup>m</sup> & al. 1675   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| John Terry, 1675   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Simon Lucas, <sup>n</sup> 1675, J. Joynes and Simon Lucas, jun.                | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Samuel Smith, <sup>n</sup> John Collins  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| John Joynes, <sup>n</sup> 1678   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Zephaniah Lowke, 1675, Nat. Showel, and Henry<br>Gamble, <sup>n</sup>          | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| John Mussage, 1672, his own statute was accepted in<br>the year 1669           | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Mr. William Webster, 1678  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Mr. Edward Rogers, <sup>o</sup>  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Joseph Hewitt, 1669  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Thomas Ward, <sup>p</sup> 1675   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Thomas Dudley, <sup>q</sup>  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Edward Lynes, <sup>r</sup>   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| John Ward, <sup>s</sup> sen. 1669  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| John French, sen. 1672   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| William Benford, <sup>t</sup> 1672   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Mr. Robert Benford, 1660   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Edward Carter, 1678  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| John Higginson, <sup>t</sup> butcher   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Abraham Owen, 1672   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Joseph Ash, jun. 1675  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Thomas Shewel, 1672  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Samuel Lawton, <sup>u</sup>  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| Richard Wright, <sup>x</sup>   | : | : | : | : | 10    |
| William Smith, <sup>y</sup>  | : | : | : | : | 10    |
|  |   |   |   |   | Lost. |

<sup>k</sup> Paid to Mr. Hayward, Treasurer. — <sup>l</sup> Paid to Mr. Owen, Treasurer.  
<sup>m</sup> His bond was delivered to Mr. Daniel, Mayor. — <sup>n</sup> Received by Mr. Olds, Treasurer, in 1700. — <sup>o</sup> Paid in 1687. — <sup>p</sup> Paid into the House, 1698. — <sup>q</sup> Paid to Mr. Owen, Treasurer. — <sup>r</sup> Paid to Mr. Owen, 1684, and granted to J. Thompson. — <sup>s</sup> His bond was delivered to Abberman Owen, in 1698. — <sup>t</sup> Paid to Mr. Hayward, Treasurer. — <sup>u</sup> Paid by his Surety, Mr. Webster. — <sup>x</sup> Paid into the House. — <sup>y</sup> Six pounds were paid long since.

|       |                         |                      |      |
|-------|-------------------------|----------------------|------|
| Lost. | Mr. Thomas Potter, 10l. | William Smith, 10l.  | 20   |
|       | Samuel Vale, 10l.       | Samuel Palmer, 10l.  | 20   |
|       | John Gary, 10l.         | Thomas Wamsley, 10l. | : 20 |
|       |                         |                      | 340  |

In October, 1684 (Mr. Bradney Mayor), the only entry is, John Thomson, William Keeling, R. Chaplin, jun.—10l.

No other alteration, that we meet with, till the year 1693, when July 11, Samuel Monk gave bond for 10l. of this money: as did also in

|      |                  |   |   |   |     |
|------|------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| 1701 | William Townsend | - | - | - | £10 |
|      | Joseph Kendrick  | - | - | - | 10  |
| 1702 | William Fawson   | - | - | - | 10  |
|      | Griff. Jackson   | - | - | - | 10  |

In 1700, Mr. Olds received and accounted for the bonds of Andrew Royce, 10l. Thomas Hancox, 10l.—20l.

And in 1706, were delivered to Mr. Hazard, Mayor, &c. the several bonds given by William Milward, John Deacon, and John Thomson—30l.



Mr. THOMAS WHITE, Alderman of Bristol, sometime Alderman and Vintner of this city, did, November 5, Edward VI. (as appears by indenture, between the Mayor, B. and C. of this city, on the one part; and the Mayor, Aldermen, and C. of the city of Bristol, on the other part) give, for ever, by his last will, the sum of 200l. which were paid to the Mayor, &c. of this city, by Thomas Harrise, merchant, upon the sealing of the said indenture, for the following uses—20l. in Free Loan to the Mayor of this city for the time being, towards furnishing his house, and other charges of his year, which 20l. he is to be obliged, by oath, to pay and deliver to his successor on Candlemas-day.—Another

20l.

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20l. to the Sheriffs for the ~~time~~ being (to be divided equally betwixt them) who are to be bound by obligation of stat. merchant, in 30l. to pay and deliver the said 20l. to their successors, on the day of their taking the Sheriffs oath.—Another 20l. on Michaelmas-day, to two such Aldermen as the Mayor shall nominate, to be equally divided betwixt them, in Free Loan, for three years; which Aldermen are in like manner to be bound to repay the said 20l. at the expiration of the three years, into the hands of the Mayor for the time being.—The remaining 140l. at Michaelmas, in Free Loan, to fourteen honest towardly citizens, 10l. each, for the term of three years; which citizens are to be bound with two sufficient securities by stat. merchant, in the sum of twenty marks each, for the payment of the same at the end of the said three years.—The persons themselves are to pay for making the bonds.

This loan money was delivered forth by Mr. John Herring, Mayor, at Michaelmas, 1611, to be repaid at Michaelmas, 1614, to sixteen men of this city, 10l. a man, for three years—160l.

By this and other entries, it looks as if the Mayor, Sheriffs, or Aldermen, waved their right to the 20l. bequeathed to them.

In 1680 (Mr. Edward Owen, Mayor) the entry stands thus :

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Nich. Wilcox, Thomas Padget, sen. T. Padget, jun.       | £10    |
| John Fullilove a & al.                                  | 10     |
| Samuel Cranwell, Richard Cranwell, and H. Cook          | 10     |
| Mr. James Nayler, sen. James Nayler, jun. and C. Naylor | 10     |
| Richard Chaplin, b sen. John Thompson, and S. Eades     | 10     |
| Thomas Cart, b Samuel Cart, Clerk, and Richard Webb     | 10     |
| William Essex, 1677                                     | 10     |
| Anthony Bower   | 10     |
|   | Daniel |

<sup>a</sup> Paid to Mr. Owen, Treasurer, May, in 1684.—<sup>b</sup> Delivered to Mr. Olds, in 1704.

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|                   |      |     |
|-------------------|------|-----|
| Daniel Shaw,      | 1674 | £10 |
| Thomas Jervice    | -    | 10  |
| Thomas Ward c     | -    | 10  |
| Humphrey Nichols  | -    | 10  |
| Samuel Palmer     | -    | 10  |
| Joseph Ashd       | -    | 10  |
| William Blackford | -    | 10  |
| Samuel Falkner    | -    | 10  |
|                   |      | 160 |

In 1683 (Mr. Thomas Lawrence, Mayor)

|   |                                |    |
|---|--------------------------------|----|
| Samuel Falkner, sen.                                    | J. Falkner, jun, clothier, and | 10 |
| Thomas Falkner, brazier                                 | -                              |    |
| William Essex, e Joseph Essex, clerk, and Thomas, Busby | -                              | 10 |

In 1686 (Mr. John Daniel, Mayor)

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Nich. Wilcox, Thomas Padget, sen. of Ibstock, in the county of Leicester, yeoman, and Thomas Padget, jun. yeoman | 10 |
| Bonds were { In 1700, by Thomas Palmer, jun. & al.   | 10 |
| given { In 1702, by Edward Griffin, f & al.  | 10 |

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JOHN TALLANTS, g goldsmith, and Mayor of this city in the year 1562, gives by will, November 18, 1563, the sum of 40l. to be lent to six honest poor occupiers, to every one twenty nobles, for three years, in free loan, for ever; giving bonds for the repayment thereof at the end of the three years, and paying for the making of the bonds.

This money was delivered forth by Mr. Edward Burrows, Mayer, in November, 1579, to be repaid at the feast of All-saints, 1582.

To six men, 6l. 13s. 4d. a man—40l.

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And

c The city to make it good, for 10l. which he lent the city, to buy corn with for the poor.—d Paid into the House by Richard Pixley.—e Delivered to Mr. Owen, 1700.—f Delivered to Thomas Johnson, in 1722.—g This Mr. Tallants paid Mr. Dudley for the purchase of the city tythes of Queen Elizabeth, the sum of 40l. 19s. 6d. and made the Earl of Leicester a present of 50l.

## LOAN MONEY.

And in 1684, Mr. G. Allatts Mayor, the entry of this money, to be repaid at All Saints, 1687, is as follows:

|                                |                   |          |         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|
| Simon Lucas, <sup>b</sup> sen. | Simon Lucas, jun. | and John |         |
| Pool                           | -                 | -        | £6 13 4 |
| William Wightman, <sup>i</sup> | -                 | -        | 6 13 4  |
| Mr. Robert Bedford             | -                 | -        | 6 13 4  |
| John Love, <sup>i</sup>        | -                 | -        | 6 13 4  |
| Nathaniel Hewitt, <sup>k</sup> | -                 | -        | 6 13 4  |
| Edward Carter                  | -                 | -        | 6 13 4  |
|                                |                   |          | 40 0 0  |
| In 1702, Bonds } John Benion   | -                 | -        | 6 13 4  |
| were given by } Daniel Davis   | -                 | -        | 6 13 4  |

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Mr. THOMAS WHEATLY\*, ironmonger and card-maker, of this city, gives by will, March 6, 1566, to the Mayor, B. and C. the sum of 800L to put forth the same in loan, in manner and form following:

| <i>To the Fellowship of</i> |   |               |         |                        |     |    |     |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|---------|------------------------|-----|----|-----|
| Mercers                     | — | —             | £40     | Bakers                 | —   | —  | £30 |
| Drapers                     | — | —             | 50      | Butchers               | —   | —  | 40  |
| Tanners                     | — | —             | 35      | Girdlers               | —   | —  | 16  |
| Smiths                      | — | —             | 36      | Cappers                | —   | —  | 50  |
| Barbers                     | — | —             | 20      | Coopers and Turners    | —   | —  | 16  |
| Clothiers                   | — | —             | 100     | Cardmakers and Sadlers | —   | —  | 35  |
| Whittawers                  | — | —             | 35      | Dyers                  | —   | —  | 30  |
| Corvicers                   | — | —             | 35      | Carvers and Painters   | —   | —  | 16  |
| Skinner                     | — | —             | 16      |                        |     |    |     |
| To the Corporation of       |   | { Northampton | —       | —                      | 100 |    |     |
|                             |   |               | Warwick | —                      | —   | 50 |     |
| To the Town of Atherstone   |   | —             | —       | —                      | 50  |    |     |
|                             |   |               |         |                        | He  |    |     |

h His bond was delivered to Mr. Olds in 1700.—i To Mr. Hazard & al.  
k Richard Ferryman received part of it.

\* This Mr. Wheatly sent his servant

\* This Mr. Wheatly sent his servant, ——— Oughton, a voyage into Spain, to buy some barrels of steel-gads, which he did, as he thought, in open fair; but when they were opened, they were found to be either cochencal, or ingots of silver. His servant not knowing of whom he bought them, Mr. Wheatly kept them by him for a considerable time, to see if any enquiry would be made after them; but none being made, he gave the profits of them, as well as the greatest part of his estate, to charitable uses.

He orders the Fellowships, &c. to be bound with sufficient sureties, and to pay interest, 4d. for every pound yearly, on the feast of St. Michael, which is to be distributed as follows:—To the Mayor 10s. to the ten Aldermen 10 nobles; to the Clerk of the Council 10s. for three sermons 20s. The residue for a collation<sup>m</sup> for the Mayor and his brethren, that they may diligently see this will executed and performed.—If the Fellowships, or Corporations, or town of Atherstone aforesaid, refuse or neglect to perform the will—then he orders, that the Mayor and his brethren, at their discretion, bestow the same among the poor inhabitants of this city, after such rate and form, and in like manner as is before expressed.

This loan money was put out according to Mr. Wheatly's will, till the year 1667, when Northampton<sup>n</sup> and Warwick refused it, as did Atherstone, in 1673, and the Company of Girdlers about the same time. Afterwards it was variously disposed of; and in 1687 (Mr. Septimius Bott, Mayor) there were put forth to the Companies in all 557l. And remained in the hands of the C—p—n, being repaid, 243l.

About the year 1705, the following account occurs:

|           |   |      |                   |     |     |
|-----------|---|------|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Clothiers | - | £150 | Skinner           | -   | £16 |
| Tanners   | - | 35   | Whittawers        | -   | 35  |
| Bakers    | - | 30   | Young Whittawers  | -   | 50  |
| Corvicers | - | 35   | Drapers           | -   | 50  |
| Cappers   | - | 50   |                   |     |     |
|           |   |      | In all            | 45  |     |
|           |   |      | Remains unput out | 349 |     |
|           |   |      |                   |     | 800 |

Q. How

<sup>m</sup> In the year 1568, an order of Council was made to lay out 3l. and no more, upon the collation, and that the residue should go to the children of Bablake.—<sup>n</sup> The 100l. which Northampton had, were put out to Mr. W. Jelliffe, Mr. Joseph Chambers, and Mr. W. Vale.

Q. *How much of this loan money is now put forth? And whether, upon the towns and companies refusing or neglecting to receive the same, it ought not to be delivered yearly to the poor inhabitants of this city, according to the will?*

2. Whether Mr. SAMPSON HOPKINS, draper, of this city, did not, in the year 1574, give

|                   |             |   |   |   |      |
|-------------------|-------------|---|---|---|------|
| To the Company of | { Drapers   | : | : | : | £100 |
|                   | { Clothiers | : | : | : | 100  |

Mr. Hopkins's loan money was delivered out by Mr. E. Burroughs, Mayor, in April, 1579, to be repaid in March, 1581, to two men 20l. a man, and to three other men 10l. a man for two years—70l.

LADY SPENCER, gives by indenture, 40l. for ever, in free loan, to six men of Coventry, to each 6l. 13s. 4d.—It does not appear, whether this loan money ought to be put out for three years, or for one year only.

It was delivered forth by Mr. Edward Burroughs, in 1578, to be repaid at the feast of St. Michael, 1581; but in October, 1624, by Mr. John Thomas, Mayor, for one year only.

In 1684 (Mr. Edward Bradney, Mayor) this loan money, to be repaid at Michaelmas, 1685, is entered as follows:

Edward Rogers, 1680, 20 nobles  
 Henry Taylor,<sup>o</sup> 1671, 20 nobles  
 Jonathan Fullilove,<sup>p</sup> 1682  
 William Herbert,<sup>q</sup> 20 nobles  
 John Butler,<sup>r</sup> 40l.

Mr.

<sup>o</sup> Delivered to A. Owen in 1698.—<sup>p</sup> Delivered to A. Owen, T—s—  
<sup>q</sup> Paid by a broad cloth.—<sup>r</sup> Forgiven.

in the  
Mr. THOMPSON's loan money was delivered forth by Mr. Burroughs, Mayor, in November, 1578, to be repaid at the feast of All Saints, 1579—  
To the Company of Corvicers—40l.

—•••—  
Mr. SIMON PARKER, gave by indenture, 40l. for ever, in free loan, to six men; twenty nobles each, from three years to three years.

This money was delivered forth by Mr. Edward Burroughs, Mayor, in November, 1578, to be repaid at Michaelmas, 1581. And in 1680 (Mr. Edward Owen, Mayor) the entry is as follows:

John Daniel & al. 6l. 13s. 4d. Daniel Shaw, 1674.

Joseph Charleton, his own stat. 1671, Thomas Ward, 1671.

Richard Hayes, his own stat. 1774, G. King, 1671.

In 1683 (Mr. Thomas Lawrence, Mayor) James Shaw received the twenty nobles which his father had; and

|                       |   |                 |                         |           |                 |         |                       |           |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|
| In                    | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1698, T. Ward's</td> <td rowspan="3">Bonds were delivered to</td> <td>Mr. Cater</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1700, G. King's</td> <td>A. Owen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1706, Jos. Charlton's</td> <td>M. Hazard</td> </tr> </table> | 1698, T. Ward's | Bonds were delivered to | Mr. Cater | 1700, G. King's | A. Owen | 1706, Jos. Charlton's | M. Hazard |
| 1698, T. Ward's       | Bonds were delivered to   | Mr. Cater       |                         |           |                 |         |                       |           |
| 1700, G. King's       |   | A. Owen         |                         |           |                 |         |                       |           |
| 1706, Jos. Charlton's |   | M. Hazard       |                         |           |                 |         |                       |           |

And in 1703, Nehemiah Price gave bond for twenty nobles of this money.—40l.

—•••—  
WILLIAM SALE, M. A. one of the Canons of Lichfield, gives by will, July 14, 1588, to be put out by his executors; and after their death to the Magistrates of this city, 20l. a free loan, to four poor Artificers, for the space of four years, upon security for the repayment thereof.

Mem. That 5l. of the abovesaid 20l. were lent out by Mr. Sale's executors to Humprey Nichols, upon bond.

In 1682 (Mr. Hayward, Mayor) the entry of this

## LOAN MONEY.

be repaid, August 1, 1686, is as

k, 5l. 1646, Humphrey Nichols,<sup>s</sup> 5l.  
d, t 5l. 1666, Paul Wood,<sup>u</sup> 5l.

MAS NICHOLLS, Alderman and Draper of this city, gives by will, 1590, to the Mayor and Aldermen 100l. to be delivered to ten clothiers, not being Members of the Council House, who are to have the same for three years, putting in good security, and paying for the making of their bonds, and 4d. in the pound to the Mayor for the time being; which 4d. for every pound shall be bestowed as follows.—To the Mayor, 5s. to every Alderman 2s. to the Clerk for entering in the book, 5s. to the poor men of Bablake Hospital, 3s. 4d.

Mr. Robert Benford, Mayor, delivered forth this money, in March, 1594, to be repaid in March, 1597—To ten men, 10l. a man—100l.

And (Mr. Hayward, Mayor) in 1682, the entry of this money, to be repaid at Michaelmas, 1685, is as follows:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| John Thompson, x T. Cart, and Samuel Eades          | £10 |
| T. Cart, John Thompson, and Edward Smith            | 10  |
| John Lindon, Joseph Ashmore, and Richard Lindon     | 10  |
| John Collins, x sen. John Collins, jun. and J. York | 10  |
| Sim. Lucas, x sen. Sim. Lucas, jun. and J. Poole    | 10  |
| Samuel Eades, y John Thompson                       | 10  |
| Thomas Burnet, John Ward, sen. and H. Cook          | 10  |
| Abraham Awson, Sim. Lucas, sen. and J. Thompson     | 10  |
| John Stretton, x James Morgan, and T. Burnet        | 10  |
| H. Cook, x Joseph Billers, and Samuel Ballard       | 10  |

<sup>s</sup> Lost by Mr. Sale's Executors.—<sup>t</sup> Paid to Alderman Bradney, Treasurer, June 26, 1692.—<sup>u</sup> Delivered to Mr. Snell, Mayor.—<sup>x</sup> Delivered to Mr. Olds, Treasurer, in 1700.—<sup>v</sup> Paid in July, 1687.

Bonds were given for part of this money in the year 1702, by

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| John Pollard, 10l. John Palmer & al.   | £10 |
| James Higgs & al. 10l. Martin Orton & al.                                      | 10  |
| And in 1708, a bond given by William Combey & al.<br>was delivered to Mr. Olds | 10  |



Mrs. ELIZABETH SHARRATT, of this city, widow, gave, April 28, 1607—100l. to be put out by the Mayor and four Aldermen, to ten men, for three years, at the interest of 5l. per cent. (which is to be bestowed in "charity") 50l. in her life time, by indenture, which 50l. were paid to the city, September 26, 1668, and the other 50l. by will, bearing equal date; which 50l. were paid to the city, March 17, 1626, by John Bentley, clerk, her executor.

These second 50l. were delivered out in 1626, by Mr. Ralph Walden, Mayor, to be repaid at Michaelmas, 1629

In 1683 (Mr. Thomas Lawrence, Mayor) the entry stands thus:

|                               |     |                                 |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| John Dicker <sup>b</sup>      | £10 | Samuel Gravenor                 | £10 |
| Edward Rawson <sup>c</sup>    | 10  | Benjamin Bayes                  | 10  |
| James Swinnerton <sup>d</sup> | 10  | John Hix <sup>f</sup>           | 10  |
| Thomas Dallow <sup>e</sup>    | 10  | Edward Fairbrother <sup>g</sup> | 10  |
| Paul Woods <sup>g</sup>       | 10  | Matthew Goodall                 | 10  |



RICHARD ELKINGTON, of Showell, in the county of Leicester, yeoman, gives by will, May 29, 1607, to the Corporation of this city, the sum of 50l. to be lent to five poor Artificers or Tradesmen of Rugby (10l. a man, whom the Parson and Church-wardens of Rugby, for the time being, shall on

a Vid. Sharratt.—b 5l. were paid into the House by Mrs. Stretton, 1680.—c Paid in 1687.—d Paid by a broad cloth.—e Paid into the House by John Hall.—f Paid into the House by Mr. Naylor.—g Paid into the House, January 10, 1654.

on St. Andrew's day, nominate to the Mayor of this city); to be delivered on the feast of St. Thomas, upon good security taken from him, with two sufficient sureties, for repayment thereof at the end of one year, with interest at the rate of 5l. per cent. of which 35s. to be distributed yearly, between the 21st and 25th of December, by the Parson and Churchwardens, among the poor of Rugby—6s. to the Town Clerk for making the bonds, and the other 9s. to the poor artificers or tradesmen, towards bearing their charges. And in consideration that the said Mayor, &c. shall truly perform the *trust*, he gives to the Corporation of this city, the like sum of 50l. to be lent to five poor artificers or tradesmen of the said city, upon the same terms, to be nominated at the same time by the Vicar and Churchwardens of Trinity church, for the time being. 40s. of the interest to be distributed in like manner, by the said Vicar and Churchwardens, among the poor of the parish of Trinity, and 10s. to the use of the Town Clerk, for entering orders, and making the poor men's bonds.

These 100l. were paid by one of Mr. Elkington's sons, on the 15th of November, 1607.

And in 1685, are entered, as delivered forth by Mr. Daniel, Mayor, and his brethren, to be repaid at the feast of St. Thomas, 1686,

*Coventry 50l.*

|                |      |               |   |     |
|----------------|------|---------------|---|-----|
| John Hasseldon | £10  | Samuel Palmer | : | £10 |
| — Duckett      | : 10 | John Vale     | : | 10  |
| John Bradney   | : 10 |               |   |     |

*Rugby 50l.*

Thomas Langley, inholder

Henry Pope, draper

Nathaniel Padgat, butcher

Richard Webb, joiner

William Smith, pewterer

To be put forth by them  
according to the will.

Mr.

¶ Paid to Mr. Owen, Tr—s—r.— Paid by Mr. Pixley, 1662.

Mr. WILLINGTON, alias Wilkington, by indenture, gave 120l. to twelve men, 10l. a man, for four years, paying five per cent. interest, which is to be given to the poor at Easter and Christmas eve.

This money was delivered forth by Mr. Henry Smith, Mayor, at Christmas, 1610, to be repaid at Christmas, 1614—To twelve men, 10l. a man, for four years.

And in December, 1682 (Mr. Thomas Lawrence, Mayor) the entry of this money, to be repaid at the feast of St. Thomas, 1686, is as follows:

|                                   |     |                                    |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|-----|
| Thomas Burnett, 1674,             | £10 | John Buxton, <sup>a</sup>          | £10 |
| G. Heath, <sup>k</sup>            | 10  | Thomas Chamberlain ( <i>lost</i> ) | 10  |
| Samuel Lawton, <sup>l</sup>       | 10  | Thomas Burrows ( <i>lost</i> )     | 10  |
| H. Duckit, <sup>m</sup>           | 10  | Thomas Barker, sen. 1674,          | 10  |
| Paul Wood, <sup>n</sup>           | 10  | Richard Wright, 1646               | 10  |
| Samuel Moody, <sup>n</sup>        | 10  | James Morgan, 1674                 | 10  |
| Bonds were £ 1693, by Samuel Monk |     |                                    | 10  |
| given in £ 1695, by Joseph Poole  |     |                                    | 10  |
|                                   |     |                                    | 120 |

Mrs. BOWEN's money was put forth in 1626 and 1627, for one year, to Gilbert Adderley, and J. Beck, 3l.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER DAVENPORT, Alderman of this city, by will, 4th June, 1627, declares that his intent and purpose is, That the 100l. which he had then given, and which was delivered to the Mayor, B. and C. by the hands of H. Burton, should be put forth to ten young men of the Company of Weavers and Clothiers, of good name and fame, that shall at that time use and exercise the trade

<sup>a</sup> His surety, R. Webster, paid the money in 1679.—<sup>m</sup> Eliz. Trough-  
ton paid this money 1665.—<sup>n</sup> Paid into the House.

trade and occupation of a weaver and clothier, in free loan for three years; and then to three others, and so on for ever.—*Item*, he gives to the Company of Smiths in the said city, the sum of 6l. for the use of the master and wardens of the said company for the time being, who shall have the same by 40s. a piece in free loan for their year, upon sufficient security—to be repaid upon the day the company yearly use to meet; and then to be laid upon their trenchers,

In 1681, (Mr. Hayward, Mayor) this loan money, to be repaid on St. Thomas's day, 1684, is entered in the following manner:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Samuel Eades, J. Thompson, and R. Chaplin, junior                 | £10 |
| Richard Enos, <sup>n</sup> & al.                                  | 10  |
| Thomas Pool, Samuel Balland, and H. Cook, <sup>n</sup>            | 10  |
| H. Hook, Samuel Balland, and Thomas Burnett, <sup>p</sup>         | 10  |
| John Joynes, S. Lucas, senior, and Joseph Farren, <sup>p</sup>    | 10  |
| S. Lucas, senior, J. Joynes, and Simon Lucas, junior,             | 10  |
| J. Collins, senior, J. Collins, junior, and J. York, <sup>p</sup> | 10  |
| Richard Chaplin, junior, R. Chaplin, senior,                      | 10  |
| T. Barker, 1678,  | 10  |
| Richard Wildey,   | 10  |
|   | 100 |
| Richard Poole, 1698, 10l. Gilbert Joynes, 1701, 10l.              | 20  |
| John Ebourn, 1702, 10l. G. Charkley, 10l.                         | 20  |

To the entry of this loan money, when Mr. Rogers was Mayor, is adjoined the following memorandum by Mr. Simon Burton.

*Memorandum*, That the first day of February 1687, “ I delivered the statute seal to the council house; and at the same time, all the statutes that are charged in this book (the book of loans) to be delivered to the council house.

Mr. THOMAS JESSON, of London, grocer, gives by will, 28th July, 1684, the sum of 2000l. and

<sup>n</sup> Delivered to A. Bradney T—s—r.—<sup>o</sup> Paid to A. Bradney T—s—r  
April 5, 1693.—<sup>p</sup> Delivered to Mr. Oldis, T—s—r, in 1700.

and orders that, out of the interest thereof, and afterwards out of the rents and profits of an estate to be purchased therewith, the Mayor of this city, and his brethren shall, every year lend forth 20l. to two tradesmen, freemen of this city, for five years. After the first 20l. are lent forth (which was in the year 1636,) "there will be 40l. (says Mr. Jesson in his will) to be lent forth in the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10th years; by which means (with God's blessing) in 100 years, the loan will amount to 2000l," And so forward for ever.

This loan money was duly put forth for the first five years, i. e. 20l. were lent every year to two men; 10l. a man for the term of five years: and when the first five years expired, the first 20l. were returned and put out again with 20l. more, viz. in 1641. In the like manner, when the second and third 20l. were returned in 1642 and 1643, they were again lent forth, and 20l. more each year: but when the fourth and fifth were put out again, no addition was made, under a pretence of taxes, losses and abatements of rent. After 1645, there was in some years an addition of 20l. and in others of 10l. only, so that there were lent forth about 430l. in all, in the year 1665. After which it does not appear that ever any addition was made.

The entries of this loan money in 1682, Mr. Lawrence, Mayor :

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Robert King, clothiers                            | £10 |
| John Awson, Abraham Awson, and R. Chaplin         | 10  |
| Samuel Troughton, John Basnett, and W. Storey     | 10  |
| T. Mayo, Abraham Young, and Samuel Man            | 10  |
| James Swinnerton, J. Miller, and R. Lindsey       | 10  |
| Ob. Muston, G. Castell, and R. Vesey              | 10  |
| William Clark, John Clark, and Joseph Clark       | 10  |
| Abraham Awson, John Collins, and Sim. Lucas, jun. | 10  |
|   | In  |

<sup>q</sup> Paid by Paul Wood to Mr. Owen, T—s—r.—<sup>r</sup> Paid to Mr. Alderman Bradney, August 28, 1692.—<sup>s</sup> Paid to Alderman Bradney, T—s—r, July 19, 1693.

## In 1683, Mr. Edward Bradney, Mayor;

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| William Sutton, Richard Palmer, and Francis Gibson        | £10 |
| William Townsend, <sup>t</sup> John Baswell, and John Loe | 10  |
| William Betson, T. Quinborough, and R. Pindar             | 10  |
| William Wilson, T. Wiston, and J. Craner                  | 10  |
| Phil. Vale, John Vyall, and Hen. Gambleu                  | 10  |
| T. Showell, <sup>x</sup>                                  | 10  |
| Sam. Bedford, Robert Bedford, and Thomas Cart             | 10  |
| Mark Gulson, T. West, and Joseph Symcox, <sup>y</sup>     | 10  |

## In 1684, Mr. G. Allatts, Mayor;

|   |    |
|---|----|
| John Poole, Simon Lucas, senior, and Simon Lucas, junior          | 10 |
| John Barr, Ed. Bradley, and W. Robinson <sup>z</sup>              | 10 |
| William Townshend   | 10 |
| Richard Newcomb, <sup>a</sup> 10l. William Neal, 10l.             | 20 |
| H. Cook, <sup>b</sup> 1674, 10l. John Nicholls, <sup>a</sup> 10l. | 20 |
| Thomas Clark, <sup>a</sup> 10l. Thomas Kevitt, 1679, 10l.         | 20 |

## In 1685, Mr. John Daniel, Mayor;

|   |    |
|---|----|
| John Ford, Simon Lucas, senior, and J. Joynes           | 10 |
| William Wale,   | 10 |
| Thomas Greatbach, H. Sims, and John Dagley              | 10 |
| Jacob Copson, <sup>c</sup> 10l. Thomas Ward, 1675, 10l. | 20 |
| John Chiswell, 1680, 10l. W. Wightman, 1675, 10l.       | 20 |

## And in 1686, Mr. Sep. Bott, Mayor;

|  |    |
|--|----|
| H. Musson, G. Castell, and Thomas Hancox <sup>d</sup>      | 10 |
| Richard Kevitt, Matt. Brandon, and J. Kevett, <sup>e</sup> | 10 |
| Zeph. Lowke, <sup>f</sup> 10l. Martin Noble, 10l. f        | 20 |
| John Botterill, 10l. f Richard Chaplin, 10l. g             | 20 |
| Andrew Aaron and others, 1698                              | 10 |
| Joseph Cockbill and others, 1704                           | 10 |

The estate purchased with the abovesaid 2000l. lies at Clifford, near Stratford upon Avon, as will be more particularly observed hereafter, in the account of Mr. Jesson's charity. If this will had been performed, there would have been out upon loan this present year, the sum of 1920l.

Mr.

<sup>t</sup> Paid to Alderman Bradney, T-s-r, April, 1693. — <sup>n</sup> Delivered to Alderman E. Owen, in 1698. — <sup>x</sup> Paid to the T-s-r, in 1685. — <sup>y</sup> Paid in. — <sup>z</sup> Paid by James Robison, to Alderman Bradley, T-s-r, June 30, 1692. — <sup>a</sup> Paid in. — <sup>b</sup> Delivered to Mr. Olds, in 1700. — <sup>c</sup> Paid in. — <sup>d</sup> Delivered to Alderman E. Owen, in 1698. — <sup>e</sup> Delivered to Mr. Olds, in 1703. — <sup>f</sup> Paid in. — <sup>g</sup> Delivered to Mr. Hayward, T-s-r.

Mr. WILLIAM STANLEY, Master of the Company of Merchant Taylors in London, and of the Company of Drapers in this City, gives by will, March 26, 1640, to the Mayor, B. and C. the sum of 100l. to be paid to five young freemen of the Company of Dyers, for three years, to each man 20l. gratis ; and then to five other young men of the said Company for the same time; and so from three years to three years for ever.

This Money was paid the 26th of October, 1652, by Mr. Daniel Jackson, executor of the aforesaid Mr. Stanley ; and was delivered forth by Mr. W. Wilcox, Mayor, in October, 1652, for three years, to five young men, dyers, to be repaid at Michaelmas, 1655, 20l. a man.

And it was ordered by the Council, that the security should be by stat. merch. albeit not entered at London.

In 1682, Mr. Richard Hayward, Mayor, this loan money, to be repaid at Michaelmas, 1685, was disposed of as follows :

|                                    |     |            |             |   |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------|-------------|---|-----|
| Thomas Lowke, <sup>h</sup> and al. | £20 | Thomas Fox | -           | - | £20 |
| John Nicolls, <sup>i</sup>         | -   | 20         | John Farren | - | 20  |
| Christ. Wale, <sup>h</sup>         | -   | 20         |             |   | 100 |
| <hr/>                              |     |            |             |   |     |

In 1685, (Mr. G. Allatts, Mayor,) the only entry is

|                                     |   |   |    |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|----|
| John Miller, Abro Awson, W. Keeling | - | - | 20 |
| And in 1701, W. Twitty, and al.     | - | - | 20 |

The aforesaid Mr. Stanley gave likewise by his will, the Sum of 100l. to the Company of Drapers, to be lent out to five young men, gratis, for three years, upon sufficient security ; at the end of which time to five others, and so for ever.—100l.

Mr.

<sup>h</sup> Delivered to Mr. Olds in 1700.—<sup>i</sup> Paid to Mr. Owen, T—r, November 2, 1685.

Mr. JOHN ARMFIELD, of this city, draper, in the year 1662, gave 40l. to the Company of Drapers, to be lent out to two Drapers and two Clothiers, 10l. a piece, from three years to three years, for ever, at 4d. in the Pound.—40l.

From this account of loan money, it is easy to observe, that almost all the several loans, which (without reckoning the advance of Mr. Jesson's, as it ought to have been) amount in the whole to about the sum of 3000l. were in being, either returned, or out upon security, about the year 1690. (to which year Mr. H. and S. Burton's account reach); that is, within the memory of many Persons now living, and not long before the much talked of Revolution\* in this city, which happened in the year 1696.

The freemen, therefore, and poor inhabitants of this city, cannot be blamed, if they desire in their turns to receive the benefit of these loans, or at least (if they be not forth-coming) to know what is become of the same. It is no immodest or unreasonable enquiry, nor can it give offence to any persons,

\* The following account is given of this famous revolution, by the late A. E. Owen.

" The T——s having the government in their hands, were very " insulting over the W——s, and kept them out of all places of govern- " ment. But Mr. Palmer, who was then Mayor, was put upon contending " with Mr. Edmund Brownel, for part of the Mermaid house; pretending " that it belonged to Coleshill School, as does the small Bay fronting " Broad-gate. Palmer brought his action against Brownel; and the " T——s being the majority of the Council-house, made an order " (though against their own tenant) to indemnify Palmer in the action; " But Palmer being cast, they made another order of contrary sentiments; " and refused to pay the charges. Whereupon Palmer consulted with the " W——s, and brought them into the government, and received for " reward

|  |   |   |   |         |
|--|---|---|---|---------|
| " In hand  | - | - | - | £1 1 0  |
| " In monies paid for him to Mr. Downs                    | - | - | - | 80 0 0  |
| " By a lease of lands, at Radford, for 21 years, at 17l. | - | - | - | 150 0 0 |
| " per annum, which be let at 33l. per annum              | - | - | - | 281 1 0 |
| According to A. E. Owen's computation (which is very     |   |   |   |         |
| modest)  | - | - | - |         |

persons except those, whose interest it is, that no such enquiry should be made.

Whatever loan monies have been received into the treasury, and not put out again, or have been lost through carelessness or forbearance, or have been forgiven through affection, or by way of premium, should certainly be accounted for. And therefore Mr. H. Burton, when he came to state the city's debts, about the time of the Restoration, very justly says, "The city must make good 232l. 17s. 4d. of "loan money, the same being either lost or brought "into the house."

Indeed, where all the bondsmen proved insolvent, the city seems very excusable; provided the bondsmen were of sufficient abilities at the time of their being bound, and that the loans had not been suffered to continue without fresh security, longer than the time appointed by the will or deed of the respective Donors. If these cautions were not observed, the money was wilfully or negligently lost: And, if they were observed, and the bonds of stat. merch. or other bonds duly put in execution, it is hard to conceive how any of these monies should be lost, though they may all at present disappear.

We have given account when some of them were disposed of to persons now living: And there is no doubt, but upon a strict examination into these matters, most, if not all, of the above-mentioned particulars might be discovered, and again circulate among the freemen of this city (as they were designed to do for ever) for the encouragement of industry and the advantage of trade.

We have only to add further upon this subject, that if we had not been able to trace down the existence and disposition of these loan monies to the present generation; yet, upon a clear proof of the donations and payments thereof heretofore made to the

the C—p—n, it would be thought just and equitable, that they should give an account of the same, and that their estate should be answerable for every deficiency (except such as was unavoidable) as much now, as it ever was or could be. For a Body Corporate, in the eye of the law, is a never-dying body, always one and the same: And a claim upon the present members of any just debt due from their predecessors, is as good as the title of the present members can be to the estate of their predecessors.

The same way of reasoning is applicable to the deficiency or embezzlement of any other charity belonging to a Corporation.

N. B. These loans, with those of Sir Thomas White (which see under White in the benefactions, &c.) amount to about 8000l.

# BENEFACTIONS

AND

## CHARITIES.

### BABLAKEMEN's, alias BOND's HOSPITAL.

MR. THOMAS BOND was by trade a draper, and Mayor of this City in the year 1497.

He died March 18, 1506, on which day his \* will bears date, and is to the following effect, as far as concerns the Hospital.

That there should be ordained and established a Bede-House in Bablake, upon the north side, for ten poor men, and a woman to dish their meat and drink;—Provided that the said men shall be chosen out of those that have paid all their fines; and for lack or default of such, out of those that have most need, and have paid part, less or more, after the discretion of Mr. Mayor and his brethren;—Provided also that these men be chosen at a general day of Trinity Guild; and that the ten poor men, with the woman, have every year a gown of black, with a hood, and that they be every day at the beginning of mattins and evening song; and say three times every day, our Ladies Psalter for the brethren and sistren of the said Guild.—And that the said ten men shall be bounden daily after they have supped, to go into the church, and there kneeling, every man to say fifteen pater-nosters, and fifteen ave, and three creeds, in the worship of the passion of Jesus Christ, and then to drink and go to bed.—Also he

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\* Rem. in Regr. Cur. Prerog. Cant.

wills and ordains that a devout secular priest, a master of arts at the least, who shall occupy himself, and give him diligently to preach the word of God and his **Holy Gospels**, shall have for his labour twenty marks by the year, and a gown cloth, and for his hood five yards, price a yard 4s.—That all the lands he hath shall remain in his feoffees hands, to the use of his executors, till such time as all his debts and bequests be paid and performed.—That then as much be appointed out of his best lands as will establish his will in Bablake for the said ten poor men and woman; and also for the said master, that shall preach; and that done, the residue of all his lands shall remain to his heir.—And that the said priest that shall preach, shall be at every general day to give his best advice, and also to read his will, that the ten men may know whether things be done according to his will. And that there be at least one general day every year.

It does not appear that any particular lands were settled upon the hospital till near fifty years after Mr. Bond's death, in the reign of Edward VI. For John, son of the said Mr. Bond, maintained the old men by weekly payments; and in his will, Dec. 3, 29 H. VIII. (which was made above thirty years after his father's decease) leaves certain lands to be offered to the master of the Trinity Guild, and his brethren, for the maintenance of this hospital; and in case the same be not accepted, charges his son Thomas, and his heirs, to take upon him and them, and to order the said lands to their own use, so that his father's and his will, and mind, might be truly executed in every point.

The inscription upon the wall of this hospital sets forth “ That it was founded A. D. 1506, by Mr. Thomas Bond, sometime Mayor and Alderman of this city, for ten men and one woman, who gave certain

certain lands for maintenance thereof, w  
John Bond continued during his life. B  
the son of John, claimed those lands as  
whereupon the city sued him in Chancery  
a decree against him, which cost them a g  
of money, for certain lands, valued then at  
annum. In the 7 of K. J. I. the said lands were  
questioned as concealed from the crown, which lands  
and tenements the city were enforced again to pur  
chase of the King, to their very great costs and ex  
pences, notwithstanding the city have continued  
their charitable uses as formerly."

This inscription seems very faulty in many re  
spects. For here is no mention made of the secular  
priest, who had an ample provision made for him  
by Mr. Bond, and was as much upon the foundation  
as the ten men and the woman. Nor is it true, that  
Mr. Bond gave certain lands for the maintenance  
of this hospital, as is evident from the will above  
mentioned.

And the account here given of a suit in Chan  
cery for certain lands, then valued at 20l. per  
annum, is very surprising, if what Sir William Dug  
dale says of this hospital be true: For, he tells us,  
" That Thomas Bond, the grandson, at the time of  
the survey, in the year 1545, had put into feoffees  
hands certain lands of the yearly value of 49l. 11s. 7d.  
out of which were paid weekly, to the ten poor men  
and woman, 6s. 8d. which amounted to 17l. 6s. 8d.  
per annum. To the priest celebrating divine ser  
vice, 13l. 6s. 8d. per annum, and 20s. for a gown.  
For 38 yards of black cloth for gowns for the said  
poor men, 3l. 16s. per annum. In alms to the  
poor, yearly, 13s. 4d. For wood for the said poor  
people, 1l. 8s. 4d. per annum. For the bailiff's  
fee 2l. In the whole 39l. 6s.

Is it therefore credible, that the city should sue  
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## BENEFACTIONS AND CHARITIES.

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the said Thomas Bond, for certain lands of the yearly value of 20l. only, when the annual expences in the maintenance of the said hospital according to the will of Thomas Bond, the grandfather, and John his son, amounted to 39l. 6s. ; and the said Thomas the grandson, had enfeoffed an estate for the performance of his grandfather's will worth 49l. 11s. 7d. per annum.

It seems much more credible, that the said Thomas Bond did, in pursuance of his father John's will, set forth lands for the use of the said hospital, but that those lands were not sufficient to answer the original design of the donation ; and that therefore, the city sued him in Chancery for an addition thereto of 20l. per annum. —— We have seen some manuscripts that represent the matter in this light.

However this be, it was ordered and awarded March 7, 6 Edw. VI. by Thomas, Bishop of Ely, Lord High Chancellor of England, John Beaumont, Esq. Sir W. Portman, one of the Judges of the King's-Bench, and Sir J. Hales, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas (to whom the matter in controversy had been referred) that Thomas Bond, the defendant, should convey to 24 persons,<sup>1</sup> to be nominated by Mr. Christopher Davenport, Alderman, towards the finding of ten men and one woman, and for repairing the alms-house, the following lands, tencements and hereditaments:

|  | £. s. d. |
|--|----------|
| Two houses in Earl-street against the Crown, set to<br>T. Heynes, mercer | 2 0 0    |
| One close in Harnell, in Com. Civit. Covent. set to the<br>said Heynes   | 1 0 0    |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | £.3 0 0  |
|  | One      |

<sup>1</sup> When 18 of the 24 are dead, the survivors are ordered to enfeoff 24 other persons.

|  | £. s. d.        |
|--|-----------------|
|  | Brought forward |
| One close and little meadow adjoining to Conduit Field, in Com. Prædict. called Little Conduit Field, set to R. Blower   | 3 0 0           |
| One toft and close of pasture adjoining in Radford, in Com. Prædict. set to Thomas Amerson   | 0 16 8          |
| One close of pasture in Coundon, in Com. War. lying at Barker's Butts, called Hick's Field, set to O. Line   | 0 14 0          |
| One cottage and garden in Bulkinton, in Com. War. with arable land belonging to the same, set to John Watkin   | 2 8 6           |
| One toft and one close of pasture in Bulkinton aforesaid, with all the arable lands, set to Robt. Nicolls  | 0 9 8           |
| One pasture with certain lands to the same belonging, in Arley, in Com. War. in the tenure of Edmund Faunds  | 0 14 0          |
| One messuage at Slowley Hill, and all the lands and tenements thereunto belonging in Arley aforesaid, set to John Snell  | 1 6 8           |
| The third part of the manor of Old Fillongley, with the appurtenances, and the third part of all those messuages, lands, tenements, rents and services in Old Fillongley, New Fillongley, Corley, Alspade, and Marlbrookes, in Com. War. | 1 3 0           |
| The third part of all the woods and underwoods of the defendant, in Old Fillongley, New Fillongley, Corley, Alspade, and Marlbrookes, which by the knowledge and agreement of the parties amount Com. Annis to                           | 6 0 0           |
| One messuage and tenement in Bitteswell, in Com. Leicester, in the tenure of Robt. Hardiman  | 2 0 0           |
| One other messuage, with appurtenances, in Bitteswell aforesaid, in the tenure of W. Sutton  | 1 4 5           |
|  | 1 2 10          |
|  | <hr/> £.20 19 9 |

No part of these messuages, lands, &c. in Corley, Alspade (i. e. Meriden) and Marlbrookes, are inserted in the late or present rental. 2. What is become of the same? We find that in the 2d and 3d of P. and M. there was a writ of partition (now in the custody of the C—p—n) between Sir Ed. Sanders, and al. of lands in Fillongley, Corley and Meriden.

That

That Henry Sewal & al. (members of the C—p—n) did in the year after the pretended purchase in the 7th J. I. convey three closes, &c. in Corley, to Ed. Hill. And in the 18th of the said K. certain tenements and lands in Corley, to G. Holbech, probably in fee farm. For in the late rental of the Guilds, &c. we find the following charges:

Mrs. Whadcock for her lands in Corley, late Mr. Hill's 13s. 4d.  
Mr. J. Smith for a house in Corley, where Barnaby  
Holbech dwelt - - - - - 8s. 0d.

In the latter part of the above-mentioned inscription, it is said, that "these lands were in the 7th of K. J. I. questioned as concealed from the crown, and that the city was enforced again to purchase the same."

Now this likewise is very surprising; for the stat. of the 37th of H. VIII. only impowers the King during his natural life, to direct commissions for the seizing of hospitals and their possessions. And the stat. of the 1st. of Ed. VI. gives the King and his successors—only such lands, tenements, &c. as were within five years before the first day of the then present parliament, given or applied to the finding of a priest, or for the maintenance of obits, or other such superstitious uses; but these lands of 20*l.* per ann. were not assured and conveyed till five years after the making of that statute (when the Protestant religion was established by law) for the maintenance of the poor, and the repairs of the hospital: and, indeed, had they been actually settled according to the minds of the aforesaid Thomas Bond, the grandfather, and John his son; yet it does not appear, that they or any of the Grandfather's lands were by the said statute forfeited to the crown. For it is agreed upon by the learned in the law, "That if there be any charitable use intermixed with the superstitious use, there the King shall

shall have only so much as is given to the superstitious use. That where lands were given for the relief of the poor, and, that the poor should pray for the donor's soul, &c. The charitable use being the principal would preserve the lands. That where a person devised lands to his kindred for superstitious uses, with a limitation that his kindred should have the residue above the superstitious uses, this limitation would save the lands." And it is ordered, by the said statute, that " The commissioners empowered by virtue thereof, to survey all Guilds, &c. should in every place, where a preacher or poor person were maintained by such Guilds, &c. appoint lands or other hereditaments, parcels of the premises to continue to them for ever, according to the will or devise of the donor."

However, if Thomas the grandson, who came to the estate two years before the death of K. H. VIII. had, as is above suggested, settled certain lands before the said parliament of Ed. VI. for the finding a priest (without limiting his office to preaching) and for the maintenance of poor men, those lands might in whole or in part be questioned by virtue of the said statute. For the books of report say, that " If land of 20*l.* per annum, be given to find a priest with 10*l.* thereof, and that the other 10*l.* shall be to the poor; the K. shall have but 10*l.* But if it be given for the finding a priest and maintenance of poor men, without saying how much the priest shall have, the K. will have all."

Upon this supposition, there might be room for the City to purchase; and this might probably be the case. For it appears, that in the year 1609, Mr. H. Sewal and Mr. H. Whitwick (late Mayors) brought into the City their respective bills, which, with 100*l.* paid to the K. and with fees and other charges

charges, upon account of the new purchase of Bablake lands, amounted to 288*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*

But allowing this money to have been paid, and expended by the City, to secure the above-mentioned lands of 20*l.* *per ann.* from any troublesome enquiry which then was or might be made till the Quieting Act in 21st. James I.; yet we do not see a just title to so much merit as the inscription sets forth upon account of this purchase, and the said decree, as if they were made and obtained at the City's own costs and expence. For it appears, by the account stated the 5th August, 1610, that the charity itself was able to make this purchase (though there were some contributions) and to defray the expences of the said decree.

| Received  | £. | s.  | d.    |
|---|----|-----|-------|
| In arrears from 1583 to 1610                                | -  | 71  | 5 2   |
| In fines out of the lands                                   | -  | 333 | 6 8   |
| Of Mr. Breres, the Drap. Comp. and al. towards the purchase | -  | 67  | 0 0   |
|   | £. | 471 | 11 10 |
| Paid  | £. | s.  | d.    |
| Mr. Whitwick's and Mr. Sewal's bills                        | -  | 238 | 18 7  |
| In Mr. Whitwick's and Hancock's years                       | -  | 17  | 10 2  |
| The charges of the decree                                   | -  | 66  | 13 4  |
|   | £. | 373 | 2 1   |

The rents which the foregoing lands and tenements amounted to, were, in 1640, 101*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* in 1650, 143*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* in 1704, 238*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* Betwixt 1687 and 1692, the rent was 202*l.* and in 1648, March 25th, Old Fillongley farm was advanced 42*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and each man had then his allowance advanced from 2*s.* to 3*s.* a week; and the number was twelve. But in 1652, the two men who had lately been brought into the hospital, were discontinued; and there were only ten, besides one of

of Mr. Norton's foundation for the space of 35 years afterwards; by which means the hospital lost, and the city gained, above the sum of 500*l.* A. E. O.

*An Account of some of the Fines taken, and of the Timber sold from the said Estate.*

|             |  | £. . d.        |
|-------------|--|----------------|
| 1561        | A fine from H. Snell, of Arley   | 20 0 0         |
| 1589        | A fine from Mr. Eaton, of Fillongley   | 20 0 0         |
| 1594        | A fine from T. Smith, of Bitteswell  | 30 0 0         |
|             | June 26th, A fine from E. Harrison, of Bitswell  | 30 0 0         |
| 1596        | A fine of Mr. West, of Bulkington  | 20 0 0         |
|             | Nov. 4, A fine of Mr. Wale, of Bulkington, and 20 strike of pease  | 10 0 0         |
| 1608        | W. Munsford for trees at Sloly Hill  | 8 0 0          |
| 1609        | T. West for 200 oaks in Birchley Heys  | 60 0 0         |
|             | Other persons for 205 trees and ashes  | 45 8 0         |
|             | June 6th, and Oct. 7th, a fine of Mr. Warren, of London, for Fillongley farm   | 200 0 0        |
|             | Martin Holbeche & al. for 185 trees and ashes  | 37 8 0         |
| 1610        | Mr. Palmer for three oaks at Fillongley  | 3 0 0          |
| 1611        | { A fine of John Snell, for Sloly-Hill }   | 40 0 0         |
| 1612        |  | 40 0 0         |
| 1629        | A fine of R. Chamberlain for S. H.   | 40 0 0         |
| 1643        | A fine of John Powyer  | 15 0 0         |
| 1646        | S. Wheat for 200 trees in B. Heys  | 90 0 0         |
| 1649        | A fine of R. Rose, of Sloly-Hill   | 75 0 0         |
| 1655        | Fillongley men for poles   | 30 0 0         |
| 1656        | T. Harper for poles in Fillongley  | 31 0 0         |
| 1660        | Mr. <i>Æ</i> milian Holbeche paid to Alderman Basnet, for an assignment of his lease, in which were only eight years to come | 130 0 0        |
| 1673        | Mr. Ward for Doddrels at Corley-Moor   | 10 0 0         |
| 1673        | A fine of R. Rose for Sloly-Hill   | 80 0 0         |
| 1675        | <i>Æ</i> milian Holbeche for trees in B. Heys  | 20 0 0         |
| 1679        | A fine of Wm. Harrison, of Bitswell  | 10 0 0         |
| 1690        | A fine of Mr. Holbeche for Fillongley farm   | 50 0 0         |
|             | A fine of Mathew Scampton, of Bitswell   | 10 0 0         |
| About 1703, | J. Collins for wood at Fillongley  | 430 0 0        |
| Ditto 1707, | a fine of Mr. Holbeche, of Fillongley  | 100 0 0        |
|             |  | <hr/>          |
|             |  | £. 16 16 0     |
|             |  | Q. <i>What</i> |

<sup>m</sup> N. B. Mr. Collins afterwards paid 400*l.* more into Chancery.

Q. *What fines, &c. from 1690 to 1703.*

“ Note, In the space of 100 years the city hath received in fines, and for wood out of Bond’s H. no less than the sum of 1209*l.* besides what I cannot yet discover.” A. E. O.

A Rent Roll before the year 1700.

|  | £. s. d.   |
|--|------------|
| Mr. Holbeche for Fillongley hall and lands     | 100 0 0    |
| W. Tedd for a farm at Stoly Hill               | — 10 0 0   |
| T. Wright of Bulkington                        | — — 4 0 0  |
| W. Harrison of Bitswell                        | — — 10 0 0 |
| J. Smith of Bulkington                         | — — 8 10 0 |
| Mrs. Scampton of Bitswell                      | — — 10 0 0 |
| Wid. Buggs a messuage                          | — — 2 6 8  |
| Ward a messuage near Babblake                  | — — 1 0 0  |
| Mrs. Bryan for Pitfield and other closes       | — — 6 6 8  |
| Mrs. Bewley for Conduit Moors                  | — — 8 0 0  |
| Mrs. Boon for part of Hix’s Field              | — — 4 0 0  |
| Sim. Pickering for part of the same            | — — 22 0 0 |
| Thomas Bowyer for two tenements in High-street | — — 4 0 0  |
| Mrs. Pollet for Cottrel’s close                | — — 7 0 0  |
| R. Paul for a house in Well-street             | — — 0 6 8  |
| The city of the gift of Mr. Wheat              | — — 1 10 0 |
| And of Mr. Norton                              | — — 3 0 0  |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | £. 202 0 0 |

Other Benefactors.

|   | £. s. d.   |
|---|------------|
| Mr. Nichols out of the interest of his loan | — — 0 3 4  |
| Mr. Richard Barker                          | — — 0 13 4 |
| Mr. John Snead                              | — — 1 3 4  |
| Mr. John Murdock                            | — —        |
| Richard Baldwin, Rector of Allesley         | — — 1 14 0 |
| Mr. Edward Palmer                           | — — 1 6 8  |

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*n* Vid. the present Rental in the Appendix, No. I.—*o* These seem to be Mr. Baldwin’s gift.—*p* Mr. Hindman’s gift.—*q* This should be 5*l.* 12*s.* Vid. Wheat.—*r* This should be sufficient for the maintenance of one man, Vid. Norton.—*s* Every three years.—*t* 19 Eliz. Gave a barn and croft in Hill-street; the barn was pulled down by order of a council of war in 1642; and the materials were sold for 8*l.* The land was formerly set for 11*s.* 4*d.* afterwards for 6*s.* 8*d.* But the city, till of late years, allowed the old rent to the hospital.—*u* Gave certain houses heretofore of the yearly value of 11*s.* 14*s.* but it does not appear to the collectors where the same are situated.—*x* Vid. Palmer.

*The Payments at the same Time were as follows:*

|   | £. s. d.  |
|---|-----------|
| To 14 men each 3s. per week             | 109 4 0   |
| To the 14 men 14 marks per annum        | 9 6 8     |
| For their gowns                         | 10 0 0    |
| For 14 ton of coals and 14 load of wood | 9 0 0     |
| To the nurse at 2s. a week              | 5 4 0     |
| For the nurse's gown                    | 1 4 0     |
| For ashes and other odd necessaries     | 1 10 0    |
| For walking the lands                   | 0 18 0    |
|   | <hr/>     |
|   | £.146 6 8 |
| Recd. by rental                         | £. s. d.  |
| Disbursed                               | <hr/>     |
|   | — 202 0 0 |
|   | — 146 6 8 |
| Due to the hospital                     | <hr/>     |
|   | £55 13 4  |

By indenture in the custody of the C—p—n, dated 35 Eliz. John Horn & al. make an absolute grant of the manor of Stoke to the Mayor, &c. for repairing and maintaining the said hospital.

*Q. Whether the profits of that manor have been so applied?*

*v* The chief rents at Stoke stand charged in the rental of Guilds, &c. 1l. 9s.

#### BABLAKE-BOY's HOSPITAL.

Mr. THOMAS WHEATLY, 7th April, 5 Elizabeth, by indenture *tripartite* (to which his will above-mentioned, bearing date 6th March, 1566, refers) gives to the Mayor & al. his lands and tenements for the performance of certain charitable uses therein mentioned, and the remainder to the

D 2 maintenance

*v* *Vid. Rental of Guilds, &c. in the Appendix No. II.*

maintenance and education of the poor children of Bablake.<sup>z</sup>

By this gift, and the charitable benefactions of many other persons, the Boy's Hospital at Bablake was founded.

Mr. Wheatly's gift was in  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1566 \\ 1645 \\ 1703 \end{array} \right\}$  about  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} £49 \\ 96 \\ 161 \end{array} \right\}$

*A Rental of all the Lands and Tenements before the Year 1700.*

[The manor in Little Packington which belongs to this Charity is omitted in this Rental.]

|  | £. | s. | d.  |
|--|----|----|-----|
| Richard Adcock for his farm at Little Packington   | 20 | 0  | 0   |
| Nicholas Smith for his farm there  | -  | 6  | 0   |
| Lady Hales for the Pool Yard   | -  | 8  | 10  |
| Mr. Essex for the White Bull Inn   | -  | 10 | 0   |
| ■ Mrs. Ann Gravenor for Little Cramper's Fields  | 10 | 0  | 0   |
| Mr. A. Owen for a close at the end of Hill-street  | 2  | 7  | 4   |
| Mr. John Snell for b Ashmore's fields  | -  | 8  | 0   |
| Jos. Charlton for a close called c Cunniways   | -  | 10 | 10  |
| Mrs. Ann Gibbons for six ridges of land in<br>Sutior's fields                                      | -  | 1  | 3   |
| ■ Mr. H. Smith, Alderman, for part of a close<br>adjoining to Leversuche's close in Hill-street    | 1  | 10 | 0   |
| ■ Mrs. Savannah Collins for a little close in Hill-<br>street                                      | -  | 2  | 5   |
| ■ Richard Hopkins, Esq. for a tenement, the<br>George Inn, and two closes at Gosford-Bar-<br>Gates | -  | 4  | 0   |
|  |    |    | Mr. |

<sup>z</sup> Vid. Wheatly, and in the Appendix No. III. the enfeoffment of this estate in 1687.—a This field contains about ten acres, and was leased by Samuel Snell & al. and the Mayor, &c. the 18th March, 1662, to Nathaniel Hebson for 99 years.—<sup>2</sup> Whether this and such like leases of hospital lands are not utterly void by the statute of Eliz.—<sup>b</sup> Al. Oughton's fields.—<sup>c</sup> Conduit Fields and Cow Close.—<sup>d</sup> This was leased to him August 28, 1672, for 1000 years. In 1659, he purchased of the C—p—n part of Leversuche's close for 32l. <sup>2</sup>. Whether this close is not parcel of this charity estate?—<sup>e</sup> These were leased to him at Michaelmas, 1682, for 99 years, in consideration of his having rebuilt the tenement, and having paid a fine of 30l. But <sup>2</sup>. Whether the fine was applied to the use of the Hospital? for at the same time a lease was granted to him for the same term of years of a bay of building and two little closes, wardens land, in consideration of the said fine.

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| Mr. Richard Ferryman for a messuage in Much-Park-street                       | 1 0 0    |
| Mr. Richard Brockhurst for a tenement in Fleet-street                         | 0 10 0   |
| Mr. William Pickern for a tenement and garden in Bishop-street                | 1 5 0    |
| Mr. J. Thompson for a tenement at the Bull-Ring                               | 2 4 0    |
| J. Mayo for a tenement adjoining  | 1 13 4   |
| Widow Floyd for a shop there  | 0 10 0   |
| William Smith for a tenement in Iron-monger-Row                               | 2 0 0    |
| Widow Hardway for a tenement there, and a tenement and garden in West-Orchard | 2 10 0   |
| Mr. William Houghton for a tenement in Cross-Cheaping                         | 3 0 0    |
| T. Phillips for a tenement in West-Orchard                                    | 1 13 4   |
| Mr. Sampson Hudsman for a tenement and garden in Palmer-lane                  | 2 0 0    |
| Mr. John Waldron for three tenements together in Ironmonger-Row               | 4 13 4   |
| Francis Brown for two tenements there   | 3 6 8    |
| John Mayo for a tenement there  | 2 10 0   |
| Mr. Wheatly's gift  | 113 1 4  |

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| The Company of Drapers sundry rents out of diverse of their lands                                | 6 19 0 |
| Mr. John Basnett for a tenement in Spon-street, next the gate                                    | 0 10 0 |
| J. Holmes for a tenement in Hill-street  | 0 9 0  |
| H. Marlow for a tenement there   | 0 12 0 |
| John Snell for a barn and close there  | 0 6 8  |
| f The city a rentcharge issuing out of a tenement in Much-Park-street, in the tenure of W. Price | 1 0 0  |
| g Lady Hopkins out of lands in Shortley  | 3 13 4 |
| g Mrs. Wheat out of her meadow at Bastil   | 0 13 4 |
| g Mr. William Whightman out of his house in Gosford-street                                       | 0 8 0  |
| g Anthony Baker out of his house there   | 0 2 0  |
| g C. Morrison out of a tenement there  | 0 3 4  |
| h Mr. Edward Rawson a rent-charge out of his house, and two stables in Little Park-street        | 1 0 0  |
|  | i The  |

f Mr. Nichol's gift. — g Mr. Dudley's gift. — h Mr. R. Smith's gift.

|                   |   | £. s. d. |
|-------------------|---|----------|
| i                 | The city for the school-master of the said boys towards his salary                        | 6 13 4   |
| Mr. Thomas Palmer | a tenement and garden in Gray-Friar's-lane  | 2 0 0    |
| k                 | Widow Ash for a tenement and garden there   | 0 14 0   |
| Samuel Marlow     | for the like  | 0 12 0   |
| John Brooke       | for the like  | 0 10 0   |
| l                 | Mrs. Ann Gravenor for a house and two shops in the Butcher-row                            | 7 0 0    |
| m                 | Mrs. Elizabeth Troughton a rent-charge <sup>n</sup> out of certain lands in Fletchamstead | 4 0 0    |
|                   |   | John     |

i K. Edward VI. An. 6. in consideration of 1315l 1s. 8d. sold to the Mayor B. and C. the lands, &c. of certain Guilds and chantries, subject to the payments hereafter-mentioned, and reserving the fee-farm rent of 20l. per annum to the crown; afterwards by certain decrees in the exchequer, 10 Eliz. there was abated of the said rents 21l. per annum, to be disposed of as follows:

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| To the School-master of Bablake  | 6 13 4 |
| To the Vicar of the Holy Trinity | 8 6 8  |
| To the Vicar of St. Michael's    | 6 0 0  |

21 0 0

|                | Names of Guilds. | Payments issuing thereout. |
|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Corpus Christi | To Mr. Hales     | 0 3 4                      |
|                | To the poor      | 1 7 0                      |
| Trinity Guild  | To Mr. Hales     | 0 8 0                      |
|                |                  | 0 15 0                     |
|                |                  | 0 6 8                      |

|                       | Names of Chantry. |   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Meriton's             | —                 |   |
| Shepey's              | —                 | To the Vicar of Sow                         |
| Pistord's             | —                 | Anniversary lands to the poor               |
| Hayes                 | —                 | To the Vicar of Foxhull,<br>i. e. Foleshill |
| Copson's              |                   |   |
| Preston's             |                   |   |
| Taylor's and Sherman, | —                 |   |
| alias St. George's    |                   |   |
| chapel.               |                   |   |
| Allesley's            |                   |   |
| Percye's              |                   |   |
| Loginton's            | —                 | To Mr. Hales                                |
| Celet's               |                   |   |

0 2 8

k Mr. Saunders's gift.—l These were leased to Mr. Nathaniel Hobson the 18th March, 1662, for 99 years.—This Hobson was elected Mayor, but would not serve the office; upon which he was fined, and for the non-payment of his fine, imprisoned for the space of 14 days. Afterwards he paid 100l. for not serving, Nov. 19th, 1662, of which he received back 85l. the same day, and was further gratified by this and the before-mentioned lease, to the damage of the hospital, at least 800l. A. E. O.—m Mr. Tallant's gift.—n This is no rent-charge, as will appear by the account of Mr. Tallant's benefaction. Vid. Tallant's gift.

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| • John Dugdale, Esq. a rent-charge out of a close called the Chantry  | 3 0 0    |
| • Mrs. Bewley for a tenement in Cuckow-lane   | 1 10 0   |
| Hannah Grascomb for a tenement at Leich-Yate  | 2 0 0    |
| • Mr. Bryan   | 0 5 0    |
| Hannah Hales for a tenement there   | 0 14 0   |
| William Robinson for two tenements and gardens in Spon-street   | 2 0 0    |
| • Widow Jones for two messuages in Smithford-street, now new-built into one with brick  | 2 13 4   |
| • Mr. N. Harryman, T. Crow, and S. Tissell, a rent-charge out of a messuage in West-Orchard, and two tenements in High-street | 2 0 0    |
| The city for Mrs. Sharratt's gift out of the interest of her loan-money   | 0 10 0   |
| And for Mr. Barker's gift   | 0 10 0   |
| And for Mr. Walden's gift   | 7 0 0    |
| And for Mr. Davenport [it should be Jelliff's] gift for drinking wine at Mr. Wheatly's account dinner                         | 0 10 0   |
| And for Mr. Simon Norton's gift   | 3 0 0    |
| • Mr. Francis Cater for a close on this side Radford  | 6 10 0   |
| John Hully for a tenement next the boys hospital  | 1 6 8    |
| John Murdock for a garden in Hill-street  | 0 10 0   |
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|   | 184 6 4  |

### Other Benefactors.

|                            | £. s. d. |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Mr. H. Over gave yearly    | 4 9 0    |
| Mr. R. Scot yearly         | 1 8 0    |
| Mr. Thomas Saunders yearly | 2 4 0    |
| • Mr. Wheat                | 1 10 0   |
|                            | In       |

• Mr. Whitehead's gift.—p Mr. Bagnel's gift.—q In 1654, the M. B. and C. leased to Dr. John Bryan two messuages over-against Trinity church-yard, belonging to this charity for 92 years. But Samuel, son of the said Dr. Bryan, surrendered his father's lease, and had a lease of a low-room granted over against the said church-yard, at Lich-gate; and a small parcel of ground adjoining, at 5s. per annum, from 17th July, 1678, for 99 years.—r Mr. Nicholas Chamber's gift.—s Mr. Sewall's gift.—t Mr. Abraham Bowe's gift.—u Vid. Wheat,

|   |    |     |       |
|---|----|-----|-------|
| In 1702, according to the late Alderman E. O-n, | £. | s.  | d.    |
| the rental was                                  | -  | 202 | 10 0  |
| And by the C-t-y's own account in 1703          | -  | 202 | 2 4   |
| And payments for the boys                       | -  | 106 | 2 4   |
|   |    |     | <hr/> |
| Balance   | -  | 96  | 0 0   |

*The following Particulars contain an Account of some of the Fines and Monies received in the space of 80 years for the use of this Hospital:*

|   | £. | s.  | d.    |
|---|----|-----|-------|
| 1608 * Of Mrs. Turner for the poor boys                             | -  | 10  | 10 0  |
| 1611 For 20 oaks at Packington                                      | -  | 6   | 6 8   |
| 1618 For wood at Packington   | -  | 13  | 6 8   |
| 1621 For trees there  | -  | 11  | 10 0  |
| 1634 Of Mr. John Hales a fine for the Pool-yard and Whatdye's house | -  | 30  | 0 0   |
| 1672 Of Mrs. H. Smith a fine for a lease of barley-close            | -  | 6   | 18 4  |
| 1673 A fine for a garden in Hill-street                             | -  | 1   | 10 0  |
| 1682 x Mr. Hunton's gift  | -  | 40  | 0 0   |
| 1682 }  | -  | 22  | 0 0   |
| 1683 }  | -  | 11  | 0 0   |
| 1684 } Of Mr. Lowe for trees at Packington                          | -  | 10  | 0 0   |
| 1685 } June 24th  | -  | 10  | 0 0   |
| 1688 } Nov. 6th   | -  | 15  | 0 0   |
|   | -  | 15  | 0 0   |
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|   |    | 202 | 16 8  |

*Monies that have been paid to the Treasurer by Mrs. Olds, Bayliff of Mr. Wheatly's lands, in the space of 28 years.*

|           | £. | s. | d. |   | £.        | s. | d. |       |      |
|-----------|----|----|----|---|-----------|----|----|-------|------|
| Nov. 1659 | -  | 18 | 9  | 3 | Dec. 1676 | -  | 40 | 0     | 0    |
| Dec. 1664 | -  | 20 | 11 | 5 | Nov. 1678 | -  | 40 | 0     | 0    |
| Dec. 1665 | -  | 11 | 6  | 3 | Nov. 1679 | -  | 35 | 0     | 0    |
| Dec. 1666 | -  | 15 | 0  | 0 | Dec. 1682 | -  | 20 | 0     | 0    |
| Dec. 1667 | -  | 10 | 0  | 0 | Oct. 1684 | -  | 35 | 0     | 0    |
| Dec. 1669 | -  | 13 | 6  | 0 | Nov. 1685 | -  | 20 | 0     | 0    |
| Dec. 1670 | -  | 23 | 0  | 0 | Nov. 1686 | -  | 20 | 0     | 0    |
| Nov. 1673 | -  | 23 | 2  | 9 | Nov. 1687 | -  | 20 | 0     | 0    |
| Dec. 1675 | -  | 20 | 0  | 0 |           |    |    | <hr/> |      |
|           |    |    |    |   |           |    |    | 384   | 15 8 |

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\* Vid. Turner.—x Vid. Hunton.

It appears from the sum total, which Mrs. Olds paid to the T—s—r, that the surplus of this charity, according to her receipts and disbursements, was *communibus annis*, near 14*l.* If, therefore, we suppose a surplus of 14*l. per annum*, from 1687 to 1732; the whole will amount to the sum of 630*l.* And if we suppose Hobson's lease to have been an annual damage of only 10*l.* to the hospital, from the commencement of those leases to the present year, the whole damage will be 700*l.* so that without computing the other losses occasioned by the long grants or leases above-mentioned, or without calling for an account of the fines taken, or timber sold from the said estate before the year 1608, and since the year 1688, it is probable the total of the charge may amount to the sum of 1917*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*

*Monies paid and expended from the year 1682, to the year 1701, upon account of this Hospital:*

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| To the Bailiff, in cash, in 1697  | 85 0 0   |
| For repairs and alteration of the hospital                                      | 90 0 0   |
| For building the brick-house in Smithsford-street, in the tenure of Widow Jones | 132 0 0  |

*Q. Whether the C—p—n did not about the year 1732, sell to —— Hodskin, of Stoke, wood off Packington estate, to the value of about 120*l.**

Mr. SAMUEL BAKER, citizen of London, June the 24th, 1695, probat. in Prerog. Cur. Cant, by will, orders his executors to pay to Major Beak, of this city, and others, trustees, so much money as will enable them to purchase of the clothiers company, a rent-charge in fee of 20*l.* per annum, at least,

a John Thomson, John Collins, sen. Simon Lucas, Joseph Olds, John Snell, Samuel Billing.

least, clear of taxes, for schooling, books, and cloathing, for twelve poor boys; and also a house for a school, and dwelling for the school-master. That till such purchase be made by his executors, they shall yearly pay out of the produce of this estate 20l. for the use of the said scholars, 20s. for the room where they are taught, 10s. to the accountant or stock-keeper, 2s. 6d. for gloves for the school-master and his wife, and all other charges of the trustees in and about the trust. That the trustees shall, at the latter end of March, in every year, for ever, meet and give direction for the cloathing of the said 12 scholars against the first Wednesday in April next following; that on the said first Wednesday in April, every year, his trustees shall have a short repast (at which the school-master for the time being shall be present) the charge thereof not exceeding 14s.; that the 12 boys at the same time have 6d. a piece for their dinners at their respective homes; that his trustees for the time being, shall, every year about the beginning of May, meet and examine the receipts and disbursements of the year next preceding, and shall audit and settle the same, and shall signify the true state thereof to the testator's executors during their lives, and after their decease to the masters of the clothiers company for the time being (who shall always be invited to the said repast) to remain as an evidence of what hath been done, and for satisfaction of all persons concerned for present and future times.—That the particulars of the charge of the cloathing and setting out of the 12 boys, and of all other proceedings of the trustees, and of all receipts and payments, receiving in and putting out, death of trustees, school-master, or scholars, shall from time to time be fairly entered in books to be provided for that purpose, which books, and all other writings, concerning the trust

trust aforesaid, shall be in the keeping of John Thomson, one of the said trustees; and that after his decease, the trustees, or major part of them, shall from among themselves chuse another stock-keeper, or accomptant, as often as there shall be occasion, whose allowance shall be 10s. per annum.

By this benefaction the school in Cow-lane was founded. *Vid. Billing.*

Mr. RICHARD BARKER, of this city, Alderman and draper, May 1, 1604, gives by will, to his son Thomas Barker, and his heirs, five messuages, with their appurtenances, in Much-Park-street, and without the Newgate, under condition that the said Thomas Barker and his heirs, within four months after his decease, do assure to the Mayor B. and C. the said five messuages, &c. or other lands, to the full value of 5l. per annum, for the true payment of 5l. yearly, on Ash-Wednesday, to the following uses:

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| Ten nobles for ten poor widows, whereof four<br>in Bishop-street Ward | 3 6 8    |
| To the poor men of Bablake Hospital, to be<br>equally divided         | 0 13 4   |
| To the poor children of the said Hospital                             | 0 10 0   |
| To the poor of the alms-house of Gray-Friar's                         | 0 10 0   |
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|   | 5 0 0    |

By indenture, between T. Barker, & al. of the one part, and the Mayor, &c. 2d October, 1623, a rent-charge was settled of 5l. per annum out of Hill-Field, or Hill-Close, in Foleshill.

<sup>a</sup> This gift was paid in 1703, by Joseph Welton, bailiff of the Guilds, &c.

Mr. RICHARD BARON, Probat. apud Lich. by will, devises a little croft without Gosford-gate, between the river and Shut-lane, to the Mayor B. and C. upon trust, that they shall yearly for ever, upon the 24th of March, pay unto the Minister of the parish church of Holy Trinity, or in his absence to some able man, 6s. 8d. for the preaching of one sermon every year, for ever, on the 24th day of March, and shall on the same day pay and deliver all the residue of the clear yearly profits of the said croft, to the church-wardens and overseers of the said parish, to be bestowed by them in bread to the most needy people in New-street and West-Orchard, and to none other, upon the 24th of March, yearly, for ever.

|  | £. s. d. |
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| This close is now (1733) in the occupation of  |          |
| Thomas Pope, at the yearly rent of             | 0 15 6   |
| In 1708, Joseph Welton, bailiff of the Guilds, |          |
| &c. paid for Mr. Baron's bread                 | 0 9 4    |
| And to the Vicar of Trinity for a sermon       | 0 6 8    |
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|  | 0 16 0   |

Mrs. CATHARINE BAYLY, of this city, 20th November, 1723, gives by will, the sum of 600l. and the residue of her estate, after debts, legacies, and funeral expences are discharged, unto her executors Francis Blithe, Esq. and William Grove, Gent. in trust, to be by them laid out for the education of children in reading, writing, and casting accompts, and for such other charities, and in such manner, as they and the survivor shall think most proper.

We have thought it proper to insert an account of this charity in our collection, though by the will there is no limitation of it (as might have been expected) to this city; for, it may reasonably be supposed

supposed, that Mrs. Bayly meant and intended a benefaction to the place of her nativity and abode, and, that she apprehended her will would be so understood and interpreted by her executors.—However, the want of specific directions ought not to hinder or delay the application of this charity; and, if the executors or survivors of them should be induced to bestow it on any other place or places, this account will furnish the public with an opportunity of making some enquiry concerning the just administration of the same.

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Mr. SAMUEL BILLING, of this city, November 27, 1706, E. Reg. Cur. Prerog. Cant. gives by will to the <sup>a</sup> trustees appointed by Mr. Samuel Baker before-mentioned, and to their heirs and assigns for ever, a messuage, tenement, garden, and backside, with the appurtenances in Gosford-street, in the tenure of Poyntz Porter, Esq.—Item, a piece of ground or garden in Cow-lane, and his yard land in Lutterworth, in the county of Leieester, in the tenure of Thomas Binley, in trust, to employ and bestow the yearly rents and profits thereof (except for taxes and necessary repairs) in the cloathing, instruction, and education of such poor boys in this city, as shall be above the age of thirteen years, and under sixteen, in reading, writing, and arithmetic, to make them fit for, and in placing them out apprentices.—He likewise orders, that fair and true books at all times be kept of receipts and payments, and other matters relating to this charity; and that the said accounts be audited and entered once in every year; and that all reasonable charges and expences concerning the same, be paid and

<sup>a</sup> Vid. Baker.

and defrayed out of the said rents. That at the yearly meeting of the trustees to audit the accounts, a small entertainment be made out of the said rents, not exceeding 13s. 4d.—That new feoffments be made, from time to time, of the premises, in such manner as is appointed and settled for the said charities of Mr. Baker, and that a like number, and the said persons be trustees for this charity that are for that.—Item, he gives for the said charitable uses to the trustees aforesaid, the rents and profits above the reserved rents of his house in Cross-Cheaping, which he holds by lease from the Corporation at 8l. per annum. under which lease are above 40 years to come.—Item, the monies due to him, and growing due upon a mortgage, or other security from Thomas Viner, Esq. being 300l. or thereabouts, to be laid out by the said trustees in a purchase of lands and tenements, and the rents and profits thereof to be applied to the said charitable use.—He thinks it most proper for his trustees to sell the lease of his house in Cross-Cheaping, and to add the money to Mr. Viner's to make the said purchase.

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Mr. WILLIAM BIRD, late of London, afterwards of Oakingham, in the county of Berks, painter-stainer, 7th February, 1686, devises by will (if his son should die<sup>a</sup> without issue, or if his issue should die before the age of 21 years) the whole profits of his estate in London and elsewhere, to the Mayor and Aldermen of this city, and to the Minister of Oakingham, the Minister of Finchamstead, and the minister of Binfield, and their successors

a Q. Whether the son did not die without issue in 1690?

The testator orders his executors Thomas Barnley, draper, and John Kinns, mercer, of London, to pay the overplus after a maintenance for his son during his life, in the same proportion, to the Mayor, &c.

successors for ever; viz. one moiety to the Mayor and Aldermen, and their successors for the time being, to be distributed among the poor inhabitants of this city, and the other moiety to the said Minister and their successors; two of which, the Minister of Oakingham for the time being to be one, are out of their moiety to dispose of 30l. yearly, for the cloathing and education of 20 poor children of the town and parish of Oakingham.

The houses in London are leased, or let by the Mayor of Coventry, and the Overseers of the poor, of Oakingham; but we cannot learn that any of the rents have been, or are distributed to the poor of this city.

*Milk Street.*

|                 |     |                    |     |
|-----------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Daniel Bonner   | £24 | John Stanney       | £26 |
| Widow Dowdswell | 26  | John Langley about | 32  |
| Widow Knight    | 26  |                    |     |

*Wood Street.*

|               |    |
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| William Revse | 20 |
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Mr. JOHN BOHUN, of Newhouse, 27th of June, 1685, gives by will, to charitable uses, the sum of 100l. the interest of which is to be distributed to such poor people of such place, and in such manner, as his brother, Mr. G. Bohun, whom he appoints to be his executor, shall think fit—5l.

The principal money was paid by Mr. G. Bohun, 7th September, 1692, to the Mayor, B. and C. who thereupon entered into a bond of the penalty of 200l. for securing annually, on the feast of St. Thomas, 50s, to be distributed by the Mayor and his brethren among the poor inhabitants of this city.

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paid at the Mayor's walk, to the heirs, executors, and assigns, to given to the poor inhabitants of den, in the parish of St. Michael

*was this charity applied ?*

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Mr. ABRAHAM BOWN, gives by indenture, 17th September, 1625, a close or pasture in or near Radford, to Richard Randal and John Clark, and their heirs, upon trust, that after his and his wife's decease, they should yearly employ and bestow the rents, issues, and profits thereof, to, and for the maintenance of so many poor children, to be placed in the hospital of Babblake, as the same will extend to and afford; and the said Randal and Clark, 31st. January, 1649, conveyed this close to the Mayor B. and C.

It lies next to Heyward's orchard, and was leased in the year 1649, at the yearly rent of 6l.

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Mr. HENRY BREERES, Alderman of this city, gives by will, to the parish of St. Michael's, 5l. —to the poor of the said parish 10l.—to the poor men and children of Babblake, 2l. each.—to the poor of Gray Friar's hospital 2l.

This Mr. Breeres intended to give 20s. per ann. for ever, for the preaching of three sermons yearly. Afterwards

Sir BRYAN JANSON, Knight, in pursuance of his intentions, 3d September, 1628, gave to the Mayor, B. and C. a rent-charge out of the closes

closes at Spon End, of 21s. per a.  
city, fish-  
disposed of: his body

|                    |  |          |
|--------------------|--|----------|
| For three sermons  | { 1st. On Michaelmas Day<br>2d. On Candlemas Day<br>3d. On Ascension Day } | the £1 0 |
| To the Bell ringer |  | 0 1      |
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Mr. JOHN BROOKS, of this city, stationer, by will, 9th May, 1679, gives a messuage in Earl-street, in the tenure of Henry Jephcott, after the decease of his mother, to his sister Ann Brooks, and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten.— For the want of such heirs to his sister Eleanor and her heirs, &c. and for the want of such heirs to the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, upon special trust, that the rents, issues, and profits, shall be employed to buy bibles, to be distributed amongst the poorest children that can read, yearly, on the 14th of April, being his birth-day.

This house (as we are informed) is now (1733) in the occupation of Richard Cheyney & al. at the yearly rent of about 14l. and there are 24 bibles, valued at 5s. a piece, yearly distributed—6l.

Mr. BROWNRIGHT, alias Brownrigg, by will, gives 13s. 8d. yearly, for the following uses:

|   | s. d. |
|---|-------|
| For a sermon on St. Thomas's Day          | 6 8   |
| For a poor widow in Smithford-street ward | 6 8   |
| For the Sexton for ringing the bell       | 0 4   |
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a His widow made the first payment of the gift into the C—l House, 18th December, 1634,

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use in Smithford-street  
of John Watkyns ; and  
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BURBAGE, Alderman of  
the City, March, 1633. Probat. apud  
Arch, 1634, devises to the Mayor  
of the City, with the appurtenances, in  
to the intent and purpose, that they  
shall yearly, or ever, within 14 days before Easter,  
pay to three poor widows, one inhabiting in West-  
Orchard, another in Gray-Friar's Lane, and the  
third in Much-Park-street ward, to each 6s. 8d.—  
in free alms—ll.

Joseph Shaw lived in this house in 1705, and in  
1708 Joseph Welton, bailiff of the Guilds, paid of  
this gift to Widow Kilsby, in Cross-Cheaping ward,  
6s. 8d.

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Mr. HUMPHREY BURTON, Clerk of the  
Council-house, of this city, 9th January, 1683, by  
will, gives 20l. to the Mayor, B. and C. on con-  
dition, that they bestow yearly, for ever, 20s. in the  
following manner, viz. 8s. for bread, to be distri-  
buted in St. Michael's church, to make up his fa-  
ther-in-law, Mr. Simon Norton's bread, four dozer  
every week ; and 12s. for bread, to be distributed  
weekly in the parish church of Trinity, as an addi-  
tion to the gift of his uncle, Mr. Thomas Jes-  
son—ll.

This 20l. was paid to the city by Mr. Simon  
Burton, August 12, 1685.

NICHOLAS

NICHOLAS BURWEY, of this city, fishmonger, 20th October, 1519, bequeaths his body to sepulchre in Trinity church, and appoints the day of his obit to be kept for him there, directing a dirge to be celebrated over night, and a mass on the morrow, with ten priests, four clerks, and two children, giving to every priest 4d.—clerk 2d.—child 1d.—to his relations 4d.—to the clerks for ringing four peals 1s.—for setting forth the hearse 2d.—for wax 4d.—for the pall 4d.—for offering at mass 1d.—to be spent<sup>a</sup> after dirge in cakes 1s. 6d.—in ale 9d.—in wine 1s. 8d.—in cheese 8d.—and on the poor, in alms, 4d.—for performance of which he had put into feoffment his dwelling-house<sup>b</sup> and seven lands on the north-side of St. Nicholas's church, directing that his wife should, for her life, keep the obit and enjoy the estate.—To descend after her death to the use of the masters of Trinity Guild, who should enjoy the overplus after the obit performed.—But in case of their negligence, that the overseers of our lady's rent in Trinity church, should have it in like manner.—And he wills, that every Mayor of this city have 1s. 8d. to see his will performed.—The town clerk 8d, and the church-warden<sup>c</sup> 1s. 4d,—4s.

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Mr. BUTLER, 7 Henry VII. gave by will, for three sermons in Easter-week, for ever, 11. 6s. 8d, and an enfeoffment was made for the performance of his will.

This gift is now (1733) paid by the church-warden<sup>d</sup> of Trinity.

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<sup>a</sup> In Jesus Hall, which was the banqueting house upon such occasions.

<sup>b</sup> Vid. Trinity church rental in the Appendix, No. IV. on this side Radford.—<sup>c</sup> Vid. Remarks on Trinity-church rental in the Appendix, No. IV.—<sup>d</sup> Vid. Trinity rental, No. IV.

Mr. JOSEPH CHAMBERS, Alderman, of this city, by will, 26th February, 1684, Probat. apud Lich. 29th May, 1685, gives to the Mayor, B. and C. all his lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in Foleshill, by estimation two closes, about the yearly value of 7l. to the intent, that the Mayor and his brethren of the <sup>a</sup> Upper-house, shall yearly dispose of the rents of the said lands and tenements, to, and for the yearly repair of the stately fabric of St. Michael's church, for ever.—*Item*, One moiety of the capital messuage called the George Inn, and the buildings thereunto belonging, to the intent,

<sup>a</sup> In contradistinction to the Second or Common-Council-House, which has been discontinued of late years, though the charter of James I. (by which the C—p—n pretend to act) orders, that there may, and shall be from thenceforth within the city of Coventry, twenty-five of the most discreet citizens and freemen, to be named and chosen by the Mayor and other persons of the Council-House, which may, and shall be called the Second, or Common-Council. In relation to this Council, we meet with the two following orders of the Upper-House.—Concil. tent. 12th August, 1663, Coram Christophoro Owen Majore, Willo. Jellif, Josepho Chambers, &c.—Whereas some differences and contests did lately arise and happen, between the members of the Council-House, and the members of the Second, or Common-Council-House, concerning the setting, letting, selling, and disposing of diverse lands, tenements, &c. belonging to the Mayor, Bailiffs, and C. and whereas all such differences and contests were referred to Sir R. Hopkins, steward of the said city, and were composed by the mediation of the said Sir R. Hopkins. Now, therefore, for the full and final ending and determination of the said differences, it is ordered and ordained by the members of the said Council-House, that the respective Sheriffs for the time being, and also six of the Second, or Common-Council-House shall, or may from henceforth, from time to time, and every year hereafter have their respective votes and suffrages, together with the respective members of the said Council-House, in the setting, letting, leasing, selling, and disposing of all lands, &c. belonging to the M. B. and C.—Concil. tent. October 17th, 1663, Coram Christophoro Owen, &c.—It is ordered and agreed by, and with full, free, and unanimous consent of the Mayor, &c. That from henceforth, for ever, hereafter, the Bailiffs of this city, for the time being, with six of the Second, or Common-Council-House, which shall be nominated and appointed by the said Bailiffs and Second, or Common-Council-House, shall, or may have their respective votes or suffrages with the Mayor and Council-House, in disposing, &c. such lands as are settled, and vested in the name of the Mayor, B. and C. and shall, from time to time, have notice and warning given them by the Mayor's officer for the appearance of the said Council, at all such times when any lands, &c. shall be sold, set, let, or otherwise disposed of.

*Q. Whether the observance of the charter and these orders would not be a means to guard and preserve the several charity estates vested in the C—p—n?*

intent, that the said Mayor and his brothren do, for ever, dispose of the said moiety of the yearly rents thereof (which have usually been 7l.) to the poorest inhabitants of the parish of St. Michael's, having first regard to the poor of Jordan-Well ward.

£. s. d.

The closes in Foleshill, lie near the Little-Heath, and are now (1733) in the tenure of Samuel Smith

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The George Inn is situated in Fleet-street, and was lately (1733) in the tenure of Samuel Welton

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*We cannot learn that any of this moiety has been given to the poor.*

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Mr. NICHOLAS CHAMBERS, of this city, capper, gave by will, after his wife's decease, two houses, with their appurtenances, in Smithford-street, to the only use and behalf of the poor children of Bablake. The rents to be given yearly for portions with them to their masters, with whom they shall be apprentices.

*These houses were afterwards rebuilt into one ; and in the year 1700, were in the tenure of Thomas Jones, cutler, at the annual rent of 6l.*

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Mr. ROGER CLARK, of this city, Alderman, 19th September, 1612, Ex. Reg. Cur. Praerog. Cant. gives by will, to six poor householders, the sum of 3l. equally to be divided amongst them at the feast of the nativity of Christ, at the discretion of the Mayor and his brethren, for the time being, for ever, out of his lands, messuages, and tenements, in Midsford-street, which he orders to be tied to the Mayor and his brethren, for the true payment of the said 3l. yearly, for ever.—3l.

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RICHARD CLARK, of this city, Esq. 31st. March, 1640, gives by will, to the Mayor, B. and C. an annuity, or yearly rent-charge of 40s. to be issuing out of his messuage or tenement, and garden, in Much-Park-street, in the occupation of Thomas Marston; to his intent, that the said Mayor, &c. shall yearly, for ever, upon the feast of St. Thomas, pay the said 40s. to four poor freemen, in free alms, in such manner, as his father gave 3l. yearly; his intent being, that the said 40s. should make up his father's gift 5l. so that there may be 10s. yearly given, in every ward, for ever—2l.

*This messuage was in the tenure of Mr. John Crichlow, in the year 1691; and in the year 1708, Joseph Welton, Bailiff of the Guilds, paid Mr. Clark's gift.—5l.*



Mr. WILLIAM COKE, of this city, and merchant of the Staple of Calais, by will, 27th April, 1523, gives to Thomas White, of Coventry, fishmonger, and other feoffees, a house next Guildhall, in the said city, called Cyrcock's Tavern; the rents and profits thereof to be delivered yearly to the church-wardens of St. Michael's, and their successors, for ever, who are to have mass yearly, on the day of his burial, and to give in alms the same day, or the day after, to poor householders, 3s. 4d.

*Item*, all his lands and tenements, in the town and fields of Bilton upon Dunsmore (in case his daughter, Joan Coke, and his nephew, William Peytow, die without issue) to the Mayor and Commonalty, to give yearly on the day of his burial, 20s. to poor householders and bed-rid people.

*Item,*

*Item*, to his feoffees, after the expiration of ten years, all his lands within the shire and city of Coventry, to the use and behalf of the Mayor and Commonalty, for ever, to the intent, that the wardens of the city be charged, upon oath, to give 10s. yearly, to poor people, in alms.

*Q. Whether this gift was ever distributed?*

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Mr. SAMUEL COLLINS, clothier, by will, 8th August, 1716, February 1717, Probat. in Cur. Praerog. Cant. devises to the Mayor, &c. of this city, and their successors, for ever (with power of distress) a yearly rent-charge of 3l. clear of taxes, to be issuing out of his lands in Foleshill and Exhall, in the county of this city, in the tenure of John Lowe, and payable at St. Thomas the Apostle; in trust, that the said 3l. shall be yearly employed in putting out a poor boy (the son of a freeman) apprentice.—The first boy to be out of Bayley-lane ward, in St. Michael's parish (of which ward the said Mr. Collins was Alderman) and the next out of Gosford-street ward, in the same parish, and so alternately at all times coming.—The choice of such boys, and their masters or dames, to be made by his cousins, John Collins, John Ward, and Samuel Collins, during their lives, and after their deaths, by the Mayor and his brethren of the Council-house, or the more part of them.

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SAMUEL COLLINS, Gent. (nephew and devisee of the above-said Samuel Collins) by his will and codicil, 12th and 18th of December, 1721, devises after his wife's death, his lands in <sup>a</sup>Fillongly, which

a. Set at about 23l. per annum.

which he purchased of Thomas Moorwood, subject to 2s. a week clear to each of his kindred, Mary Ellis, and Mary Perkins, for their respective lives, to the Mayor, B. and C. of this city, and their successors, for ever; in trust, that they yearly, at St. Thomas the Apostle, pay and apply the clear rents and profits thereof, in placing forth, at their discretion, four poor boys, sons of freemen, apprentices in the said city.—The said boys to be chosen out of St. Michael's parish.—*Item*, after his wife's death, he devises his <sup>b</sup>estate in Foleshill and Exhall (subject to the aforesaid 3l. yearly rent-charge thereout, given by his uncle, the aforesaid Samuel Collins) to the said Mayor, B. and C. and their successors, for ever; in trust, for putting forth four boys apprentice, in the same manner, as he devised the said Fillongly estate.—*Item*, his <sup>c</sup>lands at Spratton, in Northamptonshire, after his wife's decease, to the said Mayor, B. and C. and their successors, for ever; in trust, that at St. Thomas the Apostle, yearly, they apply the clear annual rents and profits thereof, as they shall think fit, in, and towards relieving the necessities of the poor children in the said city, called the Bablake Boys.—*Item*, his messuage in Gosford-street, in Chaplin's tenure, and his messuage in Mill-lane, in Thomas Barker's tenure, (after his wife's decease) to the church-wardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Michael's, in the said city, and their successors, for ever, for the habitations of such poor persons of the said parish, as they shall, from time to time, think proper.  
*Item*, after his wife's death, his messuage in Gosford-street, where he lived, to the said parish officers and their successors; in trust, to apply the clear yearly rents and profits thereof, in, or towards cloathing such poor widows of the said parish, to the number of

<sup>b</sup> 16l. per annum.—<sup>c</sup> About 7l. per annum.

of thirteen at least, as they shall think to have most need of such relief.—*Item*, to the church-wardens of the said parish, for the time being, 800*l.* to be paid within two years after his decease, upon trust, therewith to purchase, as soon as may be, lands and tenements within ten miles of this city, and the rents thereof to employ towards the repair of the said church, as occasion may require, provided that, from the end of the said two years, they yearly pay, by half-yearly payments, to his wife, for her life, 40*l.*

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Mr. JOHN COXON, of this city, carver, by indenture, 28th May, 8 Eliz. between Thomas Kervin & al. of the first part, the said Coxon, of the second part, and the Mayor, B. and C. of the third part, gives to the said Kervin & al. a messuage, garden, and two closes, in Radford, and a cottage and garden in Palmer-lane, to the intent that the rents, issues, and profits thereof, may be distributed yearly, for ever, in the following manner:

|  | £. s. d.    |
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| For three sermons to be preached in Trinity church; one on the Sunday next before Michaelmas-day, and the two other on the two Sundays next following, | 1 0 0       |
| To the Bell-ringer,  | 0 1 0       |
| ■ To the Vicar of Trinity,   | 0 1 0       |
| ■ To the Church-wardens of Trinity,  | 0 1 0       |
| ■ To the Mayor, for the time being,  | 0 1 0       |
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The residu in free-alms, to the poor inhabitants of this city, at four times in the year, by even portions.

After the decease of one of the feoffees, the other two are to enfeoff six more.—The accounts are yearly to be made before the Mayor, &c. without whose advice and counsel no leases of the said lands, &c. are to be granted.

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H. Smith,

■ That they may see Mr. Coxon's will duly performed.

H. Smith, Thomas Love, and others, 14th December, 1659, leased to Robert Bedford, Alderman, the messuage and lands at Radford, for the term of 51 years, at the yearly rent of 4l.

And May 2, 1690, Mr. Nat. Herryman, Alderman, conveys to John Yardley, Francis Herriman, and eight others, new feoffees of those lands.

| RENTAL.   | £. s. d. |
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| In 1715, Mr. Edward Brown's house and grounds in Radford, | 10 0 0   |
| — Moor, for a cottage and garden in Palmer-lane,          | 0 16 0   |
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|   | 10 16 0  |

*The City Wardens, in 1702, charge the payment of this gift in the following manner:*

| £. s. d.   |       |
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| To Mr. Kimberley, for three sermons, - - - 1 0 0 |       |
| To the Mayor, - - - 0 1 0                        |       |
| To the Vicar of Trinity, - - - 0 1 0             |       |
| To the Church-wardens, - - - 0 1 0               |       |
| To the Bell-ringer, - - - 0 1 0                  |       |
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| In all, 1 4 0                                    |       |

*N.B. In 1716, the sequestrators paid for bread likewise, out of Mr. Coxon's gift—7l.*

Mr. THOMAS CROW, of this city, sadler, December 17, 1707, by will gives, after his brother's decease, his messuages near Jordan-Well; his lands in the north fields of Allesley, of 33 acres; his toft and little close of one acre, another close of three acres, and two closes of eight acres, called Heatley's Fields, in Meriden, in Alspatch; and all his messuages, houses, &c. in Meriden, called Closses-houses, and all his meadows, grounds, moors, and marshes, late in John Nawles' tenure; and all those four closes called Cowper's-fields, and a meadow adjoining, in Cornest, in the parish of Berkswell; and all that barn, orchard, garden, and four closes, in Cornest aforesaid;

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in John Woofe's occupation, to the Mayor B. and C. upon trust, that they yearly take out of the rents 20s. to be spent as they please, when they meet about the execution of the said trust; and that, after certain annuities amounting to the sum of 25l. 4s. payable to Mary Herbert, Sarah Cranwell, and Susannah Flint,<sup>a</sup> shall cease, they employ out of the profits of the premises 16s. a week to the maintenance of eight poor widows and maids, inhabitants of this city, and above 60 years of age. He requests, that the said poor women may be placed in Grey-Friars' hospital, if there be room. The overplus, by increase of rents, fines, or sales of timber, he orders to be given to the poor of this city, yearly, on the 21st day of December.—*Item*, after the payment of certain small legacies, he gives the residue<sup>b</sup> of his personal estate to his executors, Mr. Olds and Miles Flint, to be by them laid out in a purchase of lands, for such charitable uses as they shall think fit, or he shall direct by writing.

| The late Rental.                                  | £. s. d. |
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| Thomas Swain, for lands in Allesley,              | 18 14 8  |
| John Moseley, for lands in Meriden,               | 9 12 0   |
| Edward Kirkby, for lands in Berkswell,            | 18 12 7  |
| John Reynolds, for lands in Meriden,              | 8 5 0    |
| Sam. Laverick Raynor, for a house at Jordan-Well, | 7 7 6    |
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It has been usual (if our information be right) for the Mayor for the time being to receive these rents, and to distribute 16s. a week; amounting, in the year, to 41*l.* 12*s.*

*But Q.—Whether to poor widows and maids, or otherwise; and whether any of the overplus hath been yearly disposed of, on the 21st of December or at any other time?*

a. They are now (1733) all dead.—b. Q. *If any residue, and how applied?*

Mr. CHRIST. DAVENPORT, besides the loan monies already mentioned, 4th June, 1627, probat, in Prærog. Cant. gives by will, 5th August, 1629, after his wife's decease, two tenements and two gardens, without Grey-Friars'-gate, to the Mayor B. and C. in trust, that they shall for ever employ the rents to the following uses:

|   | <i>L. s. d.</i> |
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| For three sermons in Trinity church; one on St. Luke's day, another on St. Simon and St. Jude's day, and the third on St. Andrew's day, a | 100             |

When any of these feasts happen on the Sunday, the sermon is to be preached the day following.—The residue of the rents are to be bestowed on the poor people in Grey-Friars' hospital; and, if there happens any alteration in religion, the said 20s. is to be given to the poor of Bishop-street ward.

*Q. What is become of the two tenements, and what is the yearly rent of the gardens, and how applied?*

By an order of council, made 18th December, 1622, Mr. Davenport himself being then present in the council-house, it appears that he had, for many years, at his own expence, maintained a school-master for the education of poor children. That, in order to establish so good and charitable a work, he then granted and assigned over to the Mayor, &c. Stat. Merch,<sup>b</sup> against John Hammond, doctor of physic, for the sum of 200l.—Upon condition that the said Mayor, &c. should pay to the said Davenport, the sum of 20 marks yearly during his life; and that, after his decease, they should bestow the said sum yearly upon the aforesaid charitable work, in such manner as should be appointed by his last will and testament.

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a. Paid by the wardens in 1702; who, likewise, at the same time, paid, out of this gift, to the poor in Grey-Friars' hospital, 10s.

b. This Stat. was afterwards extended; and, thereupon, Mr. Isaac Walden, on May 23, 1627, paid to the city the sum of 226l, 13s, 4d.

By indenture, 18th December, 1622, between the Mayor B. and C. of the one part, and the fellowship of drapers of the other part, the said Mayor, &c. in performance of certain covenants contained in an indenture bearing the same date, between the Mayor B. and C. of the one part, and Christopher Davenport of the other part, did grant to the said fellowship a yearly rent of 13l. 6s. 8d. out of certain lands called the Black-Orchard, upon trust, that the same be employed for the maintenance of a schoolmaster to teach poor children to write and read, 10l. per ann. To the City Bailiff, for his pains in seeing the poor children furnished with books, &c. 10s. per ann. To the Mayor and his brethren, for their care, 10s. per ann. The residue to be bestowed yearly in books, paper, ink, hose, and shoes, for the poor children.

Mr. Davenport declares in his will, that he intends the school shall be free for such poor children only whose parents cannot spare a penny a week for their learning.

*Q. Whether these lands were not afterwards demised in consideration of 100l. fine to Mr. J. Collins, under the yearly rent of 6l. 13s. 4d. and whether, for many years, the master's salary was not diminished, and the residue designed for the poor children unpaid.*

*This gift was paid by Mr. Joseph Norton, one of the City Bailiffs, in 1686.—13l. 6s. 8d.*

ELIZABETH, Countess Dowager of Devon, 12th October, 1642, gives by will, to the poor people of this city, the sum of 100l. to be employed for their use, as a stock for them for ever, desiring her executors to pay the same to Sir William Boughton, whom she desires, with the assistance of the ministers and magistrates of the city, to dispose of the same according to her intent.

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This money was paid to the city, in May, 1647, by Sir Edw. Wortley, one of her executors. Whereupon the Mayor B. and C. did covenant and agree, with the said Sir Edw. Wortley and her other executors, to distribute yearly, on Ash-Wednesday for ever, the sum of 5l. to and amongst ten poor inhabitants, who shall be industrious, and yet not live so comfortably, by reason of their great charge of children, or by reason of crosses or hindrances which shall have befallen them.—5l.

*This gift was paid by the City Bailiff, in the year 1708.*

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JOHN DOWNES, of this city, gent. gives a rent-charge of 20s. per ann. out of the Red-Lion, in Grey-Friars'-lane, to the church-wardens and overseers of the poor of St. Michael's, to be laid out by them yearly in 20 dozen of bread, to be distributed on the 30th of January, to the poor of Spon-street and Broad-gate wards; 10 dozen to each ward.

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Mr. WILLIAM DRAIX, of London, merchant, gives by will, October 11, 1669, to the use of the poor of this city, the sum of 50l. to be disposed of according to the discretion of the chief magistrates.

These 50l. were paid to the city, by Mr. Draix's widow and executrix, February 16, 1670: and, by this gift, William, the son of William Field, was put out apprentice to John Hill, corvicer, January 17, 1680.

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Mr. JOHN DUCKET, of London, merchant, by will, April 9, 1638, gives to the Mayor B. and C. the sum of 50l. for the use of John Ward, a minor, to

to be paid him at the age of 21 years. If he die before that age, then the 50l. are to be disposed of to charitable uses, as the Corporation shall think fit.

This 50l. was paid to the city by Mrs. Ann Duckett, widow, November 14, 1639; and, October 18, 1679, it was ordered in Council, that 3l. yearly, as interest thereof, should be given on St. Thomas's-day for placing out one boy apprentice. From 1681 to 1688, this order was observed; and, in 1688, it was given, on St. Thomas's-day, to put out apprentice the son of Daniel Kilsby—3l. Who (if our information be right) is one of the present (1733) aldermen of this city: from whence we may observe, how advantageous a small charity may prove.



Mr. THOMAS DUDLEY, Alderman of this city, by will, July 3, 1581, Ex Reg. Cur. Prærog. Cant. charges all his lands with the yearly payment of 5l. to the use and behoof of the poor children of Bablake for ever; and with the further payment of 6s. 8d. for the relief of Gosford ward, in the payment of the fifteenth, when the said ward shall be charged therewith. He appoints Bartholomew Tate, Esq. and others, feoffees, with full power to distrain into any of his lands, in case the said 5l. 6s. 8d. be not paid by equal portions, at the feast of the Annunciation of the B.V. and St. Michael the Archangel.<sup>a</sup>



Mr. SAMUEL EDWARDS, of this city, gives by will, April 23, 1729 (after the payment of funeral expences and certain legacies, amounting in all to the sum of 405l.) the residue of his personal estate, and likewise his dwelling-house in Smithford-street,

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<sup>a</sup> Vid. Bablake boys rental.

if the same shall become free, to Lawrence Wright, William Marson, William Westley, John Ward, & al. in trust, that they, or any three of them, shall, on November 13, dispose of the annual income or produce thereof, to honest poor people in Smithford-street ward, special regard being had to widowers, and widows.—When any of the trustees die, the survivors are to chuse another honest man.—The trustees may spend one guinea, at the time of the distribution, to refresh themselves.

Q. *What is the residue of his real and personal estate?*

Mr. RICHARD ELKINGTON, of Showel, in the county of Leicester, yeoman, gives by will, May 29, 1607, as is more particularly set forth in our account of the Loan-money,\* 40s. yearly, part of the interest of 50l. to be distributed among the poor of Trinity parish—2l.

This is now (1733) paid by the church-wardens of Trinity.

Mr. SAM. FRANKLAND, M.A. and master of the free-grammar-shool in this city, gives by will, 1691, to the master and fellows of Catharine-hall, in the University of Cambridge, so much of his personal estate, as, together with his messuage and lands in Cubbington, in the county of Warwick, shall amount to the value of 600l.; to the intent that 20l. a year shall be towards the maintenance of a fellow in the said hall, to be sent<sup>a</sup> out of the free school in this city.—Mr. Matthew Scrivener annexed, by his last will,

\* *Loan-money*, page 13.

<sup>a</sup> 'Tis wonderful that Mr. Frankland, who was brought up in Catharine-hall, did not know that the statutes of that college do not permit any undergraduate to be a fellow.

will, 20 marks per ann.; and Mr. Frankland purchased a chamber of the college, which cost him 60l. The fellowship was to be called the Frankland fellowship; and the nomination and election thereunto, is invested in the master and fellows of the said hall: a careful regard being had to the recommendation of the Mayor and Aldermen of this city.<sup>a</sup>—This Mr. Frankland gave likewise 10l. to the vicar of Trinity, for a sermon yearly on the 5th of November: and Mrs. Frankland, his widow, paid the same into the vestry, in the year 1694; John Jephcott, John Wigg, Chr. Price, and Tho. Ratten being church-wardens, as appears by a receipt entered in the book of accounts belonging to the said vestry,

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## FREE-SCHOOL.

THIS school was founded by John Hales, of London, Esq. clerk of the hamper in the reign of K. H. VIII. a gentleman of very considerable abilities and learning. Ex. MSS. Petri. Cotta. nuper penes Jac. Hales Gen. Upon the dissolution of the abbies and monasteries, he attended the King's commissioners to this city, where he was wonderfully taken with the pleasant situation of the house lately belonging to the White-friars. After his return to London, he desired his intimate acquaintance, Lord Cromwell and Sir Anthony Dennis, to move the King, that he might have leave to purchase some of his Majesty's lands, lying in and about Coventry. The King was easily prevailed upon to hearken to any motions of this kind; but understanding there was no free-school in the said city, he told Sir Antho-

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<sup>a</sup> If a person sent directly out of the free-school could be elected, there would be room for the master and fellows to pay some regard to a recommendation from Coventry.

ny, that he should be well pleased to meet with a purchaser who would give something towards the foundation of a school, whereby others might be encouraged to promote so good a work. Sir Anthony answered, that his Majesty knew John Hales to be a very good scholar, and a lover of learning and learned men; and, therefore, could not meet with a purchaser more fit for that purpose. Hereupon the King sent for Mr. Hales, and asked him, whether, in case of a purchase, he would be willing to do something towards the erection of a free-school in Coventry. Mr. Hales answered, that he should be very well pleased to do so; and that, since the motion was made by his Majesty, the school which he would found should be called K. H. VIII. school. The King afterwards pressing him to engage to settle four marks a year for a beginning, Mr. Hales replied, that that was too little; and, in case he was suffered to purchase, he would settle above thrice four marks a year: but withal desired, that the purchase might be free, without any mention or notice in the patent of any thing to be given for the endowment of a school. The King consented to his request; and sold him, by letters patent, 23d July, 37th H. VIII. divers houses, lands, and quit-rents, parcels of the late dissolved priory and other religious houses in and near this city; at the same time granting his royal licence, dated at Portsmouth, to found and establish a perpetual free grammar-school in the said city, with full power to him, or any other person, to give and devise lands for the maintenance thereof. Not long after this, Mr. Hales came to settle at the White-friars,<sup>a</sup> (to which he gave the name of Hales'-place,) and, in the choir of the church theretunto belonging, maintained a school at his own expence; allowing

<sup>a</sup> The White-friars' house was purchased by Mr. Hales, of Sir R. Sadler, Knt. to whom it had been conveyed by patent, 27 Aug. 36 H. VIII. about a year before Mr. Hales obtained his own grant.

allowing to Mr. Sherwyn, the chief-master, 30l. a year, to the usher 10l. a year, and to Mr. Johnson, of Oxford, music-master, 20 nobles a year and his board. But the school did not long continue here: for Tallans and Kervyn (commonly called the great Kervyn) two of the magistrates of this city, finding a defect in the patent,<sup>a</sup> and that Mr. Hales had not actually purchased the church, either through envy of the work, or some other sinister motive, procured a grant of it from the crown, and obliged Mr. Hales to remove the seats, which he had provided for the scholars, to the church of St. John's hospital, which is (1733) the present school.

In the time of Edward VI. complaints were made to the Lord Chancellor, during Mr. Hales's absence in Germany, by the said Tallans and Kervyn, and others; setting forth, that K. H. VIII. had granted and given, to the said Mr. Hales, certain houses and lands, which he unjustly detained to his own use, though the same were designed by the King for the foundation of a school.

And when Q. Elizabeth, in the year 1565, came to this city, Mr. Throgmorton, then Recorder, in his speech to her Majesty, among other things represented, "That her most noble father founded, in this " city, for the maintenance of learning, a free-school, " or rather a college; and, for continuance thereof, " passed, or let go from him, certain lands of great " price, which the city enjoyed not, but were unjustly " deprived of.—For the redress whereof, the Mayor " and Commonalty most humbly besought her High- " ness to give gracious hearing." The Queen, ex- tremely incensed at this charge, immediately gave  
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orders,

<sup>a</sup> This defect was in Sadler's patent; which being discovered, the city petitioned Q. Mary, and obtained licence, in the 4th and 5th of her reign, to make it a parish church. It was afterwards purchased by Mr. Ed. Boughton, who, with the materials thereof, built his house at Causton, in the county of Warwick.

orders, that Sir William Cecil, one of her principal secretaries of state, should make enquiry into the matter. But neither of these attempts succeeded: for Sir William, as well as the Lord Chancellor, upon examination of Mr. Hales's patent, found no mention of any houses or lands, thereby given or reserved, for the foundation and maintenance of a school.

This unkind treatment of Mr. Hales, from a city which he was endeavouring to oblige, made him lay aside a noble design which he had formed of erecting and establishing a college in this city, like those at Westminster and Eaton. However, he continued, as long as he lived, the maintenance of the school by annual stipends, as we observed before,

And, by his will, and the enrolment of a deed, with a rental thereto annexed, bearing equal date therewith, 17 December, 15 Elizabeth, he gave to Thomas Docwra, Esq. and Bartholomew Hales, Gentleman, certain houses, lands, mills, and quit-rents, specified in the said rental, amounting in the whole to the yearly value of 43l. and upwards; all which particulars the said Thomas Docwra and Bartholomew Hales did, in pursuance of the trust reposed in them, convey to the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, and their successors for ever: and did also, at the same time, March 15, 15 Elizabeth, execute a deed tripartite, declaring the uses of the estate so conveyed; an abstract of which is as follows:

Whereas, Thomas Docwra and Bartholomew Hales, by their indenture tripartite, bearing equal date with this deed, March 15, 15 Elizabeth, have, according to the trust reposed in them by John Hales, bargained and sold to the Mayor, &c. all the site of the house and church of the late hospital of St. John Baptist, with all houses, lands, &c. as by the said indenture and the schedule thereunto annexed appears, which premises were given, by the said John Hales,

to the said Thomas Docwra and Bartholomew Hales, upon trust, that they should convey the same to the said Mayor, &c. for the maintenance of one perpetual free-school within the city of Coventry (which school was begun by the said John Hales, in his lifetime) and to no other use, intent, or purpose. It is hereby covenanted betwixt the parties, that the said Mayor, &c. shall and may receive and take the rents, issues, and profits of the said houses, lands, &c. upon the uses and purposes hereafter expressed, and to no other whatsoever: that is to say—to a discreet and learned school-master, from time to time to be provided and appointed by the Mayor, &c. to teach grammar in the said school, 20*l.* per annum, by two equal payments at Michaelmas and Lady-day, besides the mansion-house of the late master of the said hospital, with the close adjoining, and the appurtenances. To a learned usher, to be in like manner appointed, 10*l.* per annum, at the said two feasts, by equal portions, over and above one house within the site of the said hospital, which the said usher shall have without rent. To a man skilful in music to be provided, who shall, at three times every week, teach so many scholars as are willing to learn, 52*s.* per ann. at the said two feasts, by equal portions: and, to a bailiff to be provided to gather up rents, and to see the houses kept in repair, 26*s.* 8*d.* per ann.<sup>c</sup>—The residue of the rents to be employed in repairing such of the said houses as, from time to time, shall have need of repairing; and the overplus, after all necessary and needful repairs, to be given yearly, by the said Mayor, &c. for the augmentation<sup>d</sup> of the main-  
tenance

<sup>c</sup> Whether, if these directions were observed as they ought to have been, it is possible (as the C—p—u pretend) that the school should be in debt; unless we suppose the houses to have been destroyed by fire or earthquakes, or such extraordinary accident?

<sup>d</sup> This augmentation ought, in equity, according to the founder's intent, to be in proportion to the fixed salaries of 20*l.* and 10*l.*

tenance of the said school-master and usher, and not otherwise.—And the said Mayor B. and C. &c. do covenant, that they will permit Neale Steel and his wife to hold their tenements and gardens, during their lives, at the old rent.—Provided always, that, if the said Mayor, &c. do, at any time for the space of six months together, cease in the bestowing the rents to and upon the uses before expressed, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Thomas Docwra and Bartholomew Hales, and their heirs, or the heirs of either of them, to enter upon all the said premises, and thereof to stand and be seized, and the same to hold and enjoy, to them and their heirs, as in their former estate, and from the same to amove and expel the said Mayor, &c. and their successors for ever.

*An acte for perfecting of assurances of certain lands, towards the maintenance of a free gramer schole within the city of Coventry. Anno 23 Reginæ Elizabethæ. No. 26.*

Moste humbly beseachen your moste excellent Majestie, your faithful subjects the Mayor B. and C. of your Majesties cyttie of Coventry, that whereas one John Hales, late of your said cyttie, Esq. was seized in his demesne as of fee of and in certaine lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with their appurtenances within the said cyttie, which lands, tenements, and hereditaments, he purchased and had of the late Kinge of famous memory, K.H. VIII. your Majesties father, and in his lyfe-tyme founded a perpetuall free gramer schole within the said cyttie, with an intention to geve and assuer some conveyn-

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<sup>e</sup> i.e. A trust estate, as appears more fully from the following act of Parliament: and, if Sir Chris. Hales (to whom the C—p—n have lately (1733) applied) should re-enter upon the premises, he would still be obliged to settle the same upon the uses for which they were originally intended. This clause, therefore, should not have discouraged the late master, Mr. Greenway (as we are informed it did) from a pursuit of his just right and property.

ent parcel of the said landes, tenements, and hereditaments, and the profyts of them to the said schole, and for the better perfectinge thereof did sue for and obtaine of your Majesties said noble father K.H. VIII. letters patent under the great seale of Englande, bearinge date at Portesmouth the twenty-third day of July, in the thirty-seventh yeare of the raigne of the saide late Kinge; whereby the said Kinge for him, his heires and successors, did geve and graunt unto the said John Hales, lycense, power, and auctoritie, to founde, erect, make, and establish the said perpetuall free-schole, to be called by the name of the schole of K. H. VIII. of Coventry, with lycense to the said John Hales, and to every other person whatsoeuer, to geve, graunte, and devise landes, tenements, and hereditaments, to and for the maintenance of the said schole, to the value of two hundred marks by the year, although the same were holden of the said Kinge in chiefe or otherwise, or of any other person, to the said Mayor B. and C. and to their successors, the statutes of Mortmayne, or any other statute, provision, or restraine to the contrary notwithstanding, as by the said letters patent more at large yt doth and may appeare; which schole the said John Hales, not only in his lyfe-tyme, at his costs and charges, did founde and maintaine with schole-maysters and teachers convenient, but also meaning to have geven to Thomas Docwra and Bartholomew Hales, Esqs; and their heirs, the messuages, lands, and tenements hereafter mentioned, and to the intents hereafter specified, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the 15<sup>th</sup> yeare of your Majesties raigne, did make one dede, and cause the same to be enrolled in your high courte of chauncery the 18<sup>th</sup> daye of the same moneth, wherein is mentioned that the said John Hales did geve, graunt, and confirm, to the said Thomas Doswra and Bartholomew Hales, all the  
scytes

scyte of the howse and church of the late hospital of St. John the Baptist in the said cyttie, and all his howses, buyldings, lands, and tenements, with their appurtenances, within the said presinct of the said hospital in the said cyttie, and also all his howses, buyldings, and gardens, with their appurtenances, within the said cyttie, which lately did appertain or belonqe to the said hospital, and all his messuages, howses, buyldings, and gardens within the said cyttie, which lately were parcel of the possessions of the late monastery or cathedral church of Coventry, and also all his messuages, howses, buyldings, landes, and tenements, with appurtenances, which late were parcel of the possessions of the late monastery of Killingsworth, in the county of Warwick, and also all those his mylnes, with the appurtenances, in the said cyttie and the suburbs of the same, called the White-Friars-Mylne, Bastill-Mill, and Hill-Mill, with their appurtenances; except to the said John Hales, his heires, and assignes, all the scyte of the monastery or cathedral church called the Priory, with all howses, buildings, and closes, scytuate and beinge within the said scyte of the said Priory; excepted also one, his water-mylne being within the said scyte of the said Priory; except also, one pece of lande or close, called the hop-yard, lyenge and being nere the said Bastill-Mylne, within the suburbs of the same cyttie; except also one howse or tenement, being in Well-strete, in the said cyttie, wherein John Syde, dyer, lately dwelled: to have and to hold the said hospital, and other premises, with their appurtenances, to the said Thomas Docwra and Bartholomew Hales, their heires and assignes, for ever: which dede was made to the said Thomas Docwra and Bartholomew Hales, in and upone special trust and confidence, that they, the said Thomas and Bartholomew, should and would geve, graunt, assigne, and assuer the said hospital and premises,

premises, with their appurtenances, to the use and maintenaunce of the said schole, and to make a good and sufficient estate in the lawe, of all the premises above-mentioned, to be geven to the said Mayor B. & C. and their successors, for findinge of the said schole and other necessaries there to be done thereabout. And whereas the said Thomas and Bartholomew, thinkinge that, by the said dede enrolled, the lands and tenements in the said dede mentioned had passed unto them the said Thomas and Bartholomew, as indeed the same did not, because that lyvery and seison nor attornement were made to them in the lyfe of the said John Hales the elder, for that he died very shortly after, and yet they meaninge to perform the said good intent, and trust in them reposed, by their indenture tripartite, did graunt and confirme to the said Mayor B. and C. and their successors, all the premises with their appurtenances so mentioned in the said dede to be geven and graunted to the said Thomas and Bartholomew and their heires, to have and to hold the same to the Mayor B. and C. and their successors for ever, to and for the purposes and intents aforesaid, as by the said indentures more at large yt doth and may appeare. And sythence the said landes have bene and yet be used and employed to such intents and godly purposes as the same were meant and intended; but forasmuch as by reason of the said invaliditie of the said dede, the said schole, and the godly purpose of the said John Hales may be hereafter called in question and utterly overthrowen, contrary to the good intent and meaning of the said John Hales the elder, which good intent and meaning John Hales the younger and Charles Hales, gentleman, nephews to the aforesaid John Hales, are desierous to have fully accomplished, and would by their dedes have confirmed and established the same, if without prejudice and daunger to their

other inheritances they might so do.—Yt may please your most excellent Majestye that yt be enacted, and be yt enacted by your Majestie, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the samé, that the said messuages, landes, tenements, and hereditaments, with their appurtenances mentioned to be geven or graunted, and not as aforesaid especially excepted in the said dede made by the said John Hales the elder to the said Thomas Docwra and Bartholomew Hales, or that be herein especially mentioned to be comprized in the same dede, and to be geven or graunted thereby to the said Thomas and Bartholomew as is aforesaid, shall be adjudged, taken, and intended to be sufficiently assured and passed, and that the same dede shall be of a good force and validitie from the time of the makinge of the same dede to all intents and purposes, and as yf the same had bene duely executed by lyverye and attonements had or made in due forme and order of lawe, and that the said messuages, landes, and teuements with thappurtenances so before mentioned to be geven or graunted shall be and remayne for ever in and to the said Mayor B. and C. and their successors, to be by them employed for the performance of the good and godly intent of the said John Hales, and for all such intents and purposes as are declared by the said several dedes of the said John Hales, Thomas Docwra, and Bartholomew Hales, and according to the tenor of the said several dedes made by the said John, Thomas, and Bartholomew, as if the same had been fully and lawfullye conveyed and assured to them and their successors by and from the said Thomas Docwra and Bartholomew Hales, saving to all and every person and persons, bodies politick and corporate, their heires, successors, executors and administrators, other than the said John Hales the younger,

younger, Charles Hales and their heires, and the heires of the said John Hales the elder, and such person and persons as shall or may claim the same or any parte of the premises mentioned to be graunted by the said dede from, by, or under the said John Hales the younger, Charles Hales, and the heires of the said John Hales the elder, all such right, tytle, and interest, as they or any of them have or ought to have in the premises or any parte thereof, as if this acte had never bene had or made, any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

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*A rental of such houses, tenements, and closes, as did pass by the above-mentioned deed of John Hales, December 18, 15 Elizabeth.*

| <i>Cook-street.</i>                             | <i>£. s. d.</i> | <i>£. s. d.</i>                                     |
|---|-----------------|---|
| Charles house, -                                | 0 4 0           | J. Dawes's house, 0 8 0                             |
| The weaver's houses, 1                          | 13 4            | <sup>c</sup> The plumber's gar-<br>den, - - - 0 3 4 |
| E. Chamberlain's house                          | 0 4 0           |   |
| T. Shewel's house,                              | 0 7 0           |   |
| J. Arden's house, -                             | 0 10 0          | <sup>d</sup> R. Wilson's house, 0 6 0               |
| <sup>G.</sup> Mynshew's house,                  | 0 8 0           | <sup>d</sup> A. Brewer's house, 0 2 0               |
| <i>Gosford-bars.</i>                            |                 | Four cottages at the                                |
| N. Wister's house,                              | 0 4 0           | gate, - - - 0 7 0                                   |
| <i>Gosford-street.</i>                          |                 |   |
| <sup>b</sup> J. Kynester's two<br>houses, - - - | 1 1 0           | <i>New-gate.</i>                                    |
| <sup>b</sup> J. James's house,                  | 0 6 8           | Mother Nicholas's house, 5 0                        |
| <sup>b</sup> T. Overton's house,                | 0 5 8           | <i>Spon-cawsey.</i>                                 |
| <sup>b</sup> P. Wooley's house,                 | 0 12 0          | T. Arme's house, - 0 4 0                            |
| <sup>b</sup> W. Arme's house,                   | 0 8 0           | C. Hoseus's house, 0 4 0                            |
| <i>St. John's bridge.</i>                       |                 | H. Cook's house, 0 4 0                              |
| N. Shorley's house,                             | 0 12 0          | R. Andrew's house, 0 4 0                            |
| R. Page's house, -                              | 0 10 0          | A. Greenway's house, 0 4 0                          |
| Widow Rutter's house,                           | 0 5 0           | <i>The White-friars'.</i>                           |
| R. Wartopp's house,                             | 0 8 0           | Mill, per year, - 6 13 4                            |
|   | I 2             | <i>West-orchard.</i>                                |
|   |                 | A. Marshyl's house, 0 4 0                           |
|   |                 | J. Wildey's   |

a One room only remaining. See the order of council, p. 75. b One of these houses is alienated, or not inserted in the late or present rental. c This is alienated, or not inserted in the present rental; it lies behind Mr. Kidney's house, is worth about 3*l.* per annum. d One of these houses is alienated, or not inserted in the present rental. (1733)

|  | £. s. d. |                                       | £. s. d.     |
|--|----------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| J. Wildey's house,                           | 0 4 0    | J. Hayes,                             | - - - 0 3 0  |
| M. Archer's house,                           | 0 4 0    | A. Harrison,                          | - - - 0 3 0  |
| <i>Palmer-lane.</i>                          |          | W. Hansley,                           | - - - 0 5 0  |
| Amy Cutler, for four houses and the gardens, | 2 4 4    | J. Cleveland,                         | - - - 0 2 0  |
| <i>Bishop-street.</i>                        |          | <i>New-street, on the north side.</i> |              |
| W. Cook, for a close,                        | 1 0 0    | Master Mytchel,                       | - - - 0 8 0  |
| H. Heath, for a close,                       | 0 4 0    | M. Day,                               | - - - 0 5 0  |
| Mother Pitts, for a close,                   | 0 4 0    | Widow Bridge,                         | - - - 0 5 0  |
| T. Taylor, for a garden,                     | 0 2 0    | T. Huson,                             | - - - 0 3 0  |
| <i>Bastill-mill.</i>                         |          | W. Fisher,                            | - - - 0 2 0  |
| E. Symonds, for Hill-mill and Bastill-mill,  | 6 18 4   | A. Barrowes,                          | - - - 0 4 0  |
| • N. Steel, for his gardens,                 | 1 6 8    | Widow Craner                          | - - - 0 5 0  |
| • Tenter-yard,                               | 0 10 0   | J. Tomson,                            | - - - 0 8 0  |
| <i>New-street, on the south side.</i>        |          | R. Over, for the passage of an entry, | 0 1 0        |
| Elizabeth Wood,                              | 0 2 0    | J. Barley,                            | - - - 0 6 8  |
| Humphrey Haywood,                            | 0 5 0    | A. Tallence,                          | - - - 0 4 0  |
| R. Robinson,                                 | 0 8 0    | A. Voyd's house,                      | - - - 0 12 0 |
| J. Primrose,                                 | 0 3 0    | A. Page,                              | - - - 0 5 0  |
| T. Shatwell,                                 | 0 8 0    | J. Poole,                             | - - - 0 5 0  |
| R. Atchin,                                   | 0 4 0    | R. Andrews,                           | - - - 0 5 0  |
| H. Waynrite,                                 | 0 4 0    | A. Well,                              | - - - 0 5 0  |
| M. Reynold,                                  | 0 3 0    | Neal Steel, for three houses,         | - - - 0 15 0 |
| T. Nicholas,                                 | 0 16 0   | Neal Steel for Jonne house,           | - - - 0 4 0  |
| Widow Marlo,                                 | 0 5 0    | J. Bradshaw,                          | - - - 0 4 0  |
| C. Loder,                                    | 0 3 0    | R. Ward,                              | - - - 0 4 0  |
| M. Hardyman,                                 | 0 3 0    | A. Harvey,                            | - - - 0 4 0  |
| R. Brokyns,                                  | 0 3 0    | J. Fletcher,                          | - - - 0 4 0  |
|  |          | G. Deveson,                           | - - - 0 6 8  |

*Four or five of the houses, as also the passage of an entry in New-street, are alienated or not inserted in the late or present rentals.*

#### Quit-rents.

e These are alienated, or not inserted in the present rental.

#### Particulars not inserted.

|                             | £. s. d. |                            | £. s. d. |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| N. Wister's house, comp. at | 4 0 0    | Neal Steel's gardens,      | 13 0 0   |
| Kynaster's, &c.             | 5 0 0    | Tenter-yard,               | 7 0 0    |
| Plumber's garden,           | 3 0 0    | Four houses in New-street, | 8 0 0    |
| Wilson's, &c.,              | 5 0 0    | Passage in ditto,          | 6 10 0   |
|                             |          |                            | 45 10 0  |

|  | Quit-rents. | £. | s. | d. |
|--|-------------|----|----|----|
| Richard Over, — — —                                    | 0           | 5  | 0  |    |
| R. Over, for Oken's lands, — — —                       | 0           | 4  | 0  |    |
| Master of the Trinity guild, — — —                     | 1           | 7  | 0  |    |
| Master of St. Nicholas's guild, <sup>e</sup> — — —     | 0           | 3  | 4  |    |
| Christopher Rose, — — —                                | 0           | 7  | 0  |    |
| The heirs of Master Butler, — — —                      | 0           | 7  | 0  |    |
| The heirs of Master Corbett, — — —                     | 0           | 3  | 0  |    |
| The heirs of Mistress Townsend, — — —                  | 0           | 4  | 0  |    |
| The Church-wardens of Trinity, — — —                   | 0           | 2  | 0  |    |
| The late Vicar of Exhall's chantry, <sup>f</sup> — — — | 0           | 2  | 8  |    |
| Flawell of Meriden, — — —                              | 0           | 1  | 6  |    |
| <hr/>  |             |    |    |    |
| <i>Summa totalis,</i> —                                | 43          | 11 | 2  |    |

*The Bailiff's rental of the school lands and tenements  
for the year 1724.*

|  | Gosford-street.        | £. | s. | d.     |
|--|------------------------|----|----|--------|
| Mary Randal, widow, for a room built by the city, and<br>a tenement wherein Mary Andrews dwelt, now<br>(1733) John Barwell, <sup>g</sup> — — — — — | 0                      | 13 | 4  |        |
| William Ashmore, for a tenement and garden in his<br>occupation, — — — — —   | 1                      | 6  | 8  |        |
| Mr. W. Wigham, for a tenement and garden, late<br>in W. Lapworth's, now in John Wedgwood's<br>occupation, — — — — —                                | 1                      | 10 | 0  |        |
| Thomas Ansell, for a tenement and garden in his<br>occupation, — — — — —   | 2                      | 15 | 0  |        |
| W. Pinder, for a tenement and garden in his own<br>occupation, — — — — —   | 3                      | 10 | 0. |        |
| K. Pitcher, for a tenement and garden, — — — — —   | 1                      | 10 | 0  |        |
| <hr/>  |                        |    |    |        |
|  | Much-Park-street Ward. |    |    |        |
| — — — Ashurst, widow, for White-friars' mill and the<br>meadows thereunto belonging, late in R. Austin's<br>tenure, — — — — —                      | 20                     | 0  | 0  |        |
|  |                        |    |    | Robert |

e. Alias Corpus Christi, now (1733) St. Nicholas's-hall in West-orchard, let by the C—p—n to the Shoe-makers Company. f. Loginton's or Lodington's chantry, called the Vicar of Exhall's chantry; because the profits of it were given, 37 H. VIII. to the Vicar of Exhall to augment his living. g. 2. Whether any thing be paid for the tenement wherein Mary Andrews dwelt? Of which there appears some reason to doubt, by the following order of the C—n—l—h — 5 Dec. 1665, [it is agreed] that John Burton, tiler, shall have a lease of one room, new built, part of Andrews's house near Gosford Bar-gates, on the north side of the street next toward the Bar-gates, for 31 years, paying 13*s. id.* per ann. school land: he to put in another wife him to repair. The tenement is worth about 4*s. per ann.*

|   | £. s. d.  |
|---|-----------|
| Robert Bolton, for a tenement and garden at New-gate, adjoining to White-friars' church-yard,   | 1 10 0    |
| Mr. Edward Smith, apothecary, for a parcel of ground in White-friars' church-yard, being part of the back-side which belonged to the said messuage, and was laid into the said church-yard by Mr. J. Hales, | — — — — — |

*Hill-street.*

|  |           |        |
|--|-----------|--------|
| W. Naul, for Hill-mill and a little parcel of ground, late in G. Wragg's occupation, | — — — — — | 6 13 4 |
| W. Naul, for Hill-mill meadow, formerly held by Mr. H. Welton,                       | — — — — — | 7 10 0 |

*New-street, on the north side.*

|   |           |        |
|---|-----------|--------|
| Margaret Cashmore, for a tenement and garden thereunto belonging, the corner house, in her occupation,  | — — — — — | 4 0 0  |
| W. Bryan, for a tenement and garden in his occupation, granted to W. Sutton,  | — — — — — | 1 0 0  |
| Thomas Pool, for a tenement and garden in his occupation,   | — — — — — | 0 10 0 |
| John Bird, for a tenement and garden in the occupation of W. Ebourn,  | — — — — — | 1 0 0  |
| Robert Johnson, for a tenement and garden in his occupation, and for two little tenements and gardens on the south side, in the occupation of John Cobson and Michael Pool,   | — — — — — | 1 0 0  |
| John Lindon, for a tenement and garden in his occupation,   | — — — — — | 0 18 0 |
| John Lindon, for a tenement and garden in his occupation,   | — — — — — | 1 0 0  |
| Thomas Jones, for a tenement in his occupation,   | — — — — — | 0 18 0 |
| Mr. Clement Rutter, for a tenement and garden in his occupation,  | — — — — — | 2 0 0  |
| John Wedgwood, for a tenement and garden,   | — — — — — | 0 12 0 |
| Lydia Ratten, for a tenement and garden in her occupation, late in R. Ratten's,   | — — — — — | 2 10 0 |
| John Huffield, for a tenement and garden in the occupation of Samuel Banner,  | — — — — — | 0 6 0  |
| The executors of Edward Fairbrother, for two tenements and gardens; one in the occupation of William Symones, the other on the south side divided into two tenements and gardens, in the occupation of John King and Thomas Edmunds, the rents thus divided—Simonds 30s. King 6s. 8d. Edmunds 6s. 8d. | — — — — — | 2 3 4  |
|   |           | Sarrah |

|  | £. s. d.      |
|--|---------------|
| <b>Sarah Witherley, widow, for a tenement and gardens in her occupation, late Ryley's,</b> — — —   | <b>0 15 0</b> |
| <b>Joseph Pool, alderman, for a tenement and garden, late Chaplin's,</b> — — — —   | <b>4 0 0</b>  |
| <b>Mr. Joseph Ash, for a little meadow at Bastill-gate,</b> —  | <b>7 5 0</b>  |
| <b>Mr. Joseph Ash, for the corner house,</b> —   | <b>0 16 0</b> |
| <b>S. Lindon, for a tenement and garden,</b> —   | <b>0 14 0</b> |
| <b>Thomas Jeliffe, for a tenement and garden in his occupation,</b> — — — — —  | <b>0 6 0</b>  |
| <b>Thomas Jeliffe, Widow Meads, and John Bradshaw, for two tenements in their occupation, the rents thus divided—Jeliffe 12s. Meads 6s. 8d. Bradshaw 6s. 8d.</b> — — — — — | <b>1 5 4</b>  |
| <b>Joseph Bryan, for a tenement and garden in his occupation,</b> — — — — —  | <b>0 6 9</b>  |
| <b>Mr. John Yardley, for Bastill-mill and the tenements and gardens therewith demised (adjoining to Bastill-mill in Mill-lane),</b> — — — — —                              | <b>6 0 0</b>  |

New-street,

In July 24, 1689, an order of C—c—l-house was obtained by Mr. Ash, for a lease of this house for the term of fifty-one years, in consideration of £6 per ann. and that he should repair the same at his own charges. He was induced by this order to rebuild the same, and after he had rebuilt it (as appears by an order, September 24, 1690) procured a lease from the C—p—n, bearing date October 1, 1690, for the term of ninety-nine years. Q. Whether a lease of fifty-one years, according to the first order, would not have been a sufficient compensation for the expences of re-building; and whether in other cases of the like nature, new buildings have not been erected in consideration of a less term of years. Vid. Earl-street, in Trinity-church rental, in the appendix, No. IV. There could have been no room for the granting of this or other long and unreasonable leases, if the above-mentioned deed of appointment had been pursued.

1 These are sold in fee-farm. But how reasonable it was thus to dispose of the premises, may be seen from the several orders of the C—c—l-house concerning the same.

January 9, 1641, A lease was granted to Robert Yardly, great grand-father to the late John Yardly, of Bastill-mill, &c. for thirty-one years, in consideration of the old lease to Elizabeth Starkey being surrendered, and that the said Robert shoult put into sufficient repair the said mill and appurtenances before the 29th of Septeinber following, and keep the same in repair afterwards; provided this be not any precedent for letting leases for so long a time.

December 24, 1658, A lease was granted to Robert Yardly, of Bastill-mill, from Lady-day following, for twenty years, at the former rent, and in consideration that he shoult keep the same in repair.

September 7, 1659, A lease for the same term of years was granted to John Yardly (son of the said Robert) clothier, and Sarah his wife, with the former covenants. Q. Whether this fresh grant to the son within less than twelve months, does not shew that this was no unprofitable lease?

May 24, 1676, It was agreed that John Yardly shoult, in consideration of setting up two new substantial bays of building, at his own costs, before Lady-day, 1680, have a lease of Bastill-mill, and of the messuages adjoining.

| <i>New-street, on the south side.</i>  | <i>L. s. d.</i> |
|--|-----------------|
| William Herbert, for a tenement and garden in the occupation of Edward Baggot, — — —   | 1 0 0           |
| William Clifton, for a tenement and garden late in the occupation of S. Skeers, — — —  | 3 0 0           |
| Anna King, for a tenement and garden late in the tenure of Manasseh King, — — —  | 0 13 4          |
| John Poole, for a tenement and gardens late in the occupation of Mr. Simon Lucas, — — —  | 1 10 0          |
| Joseph Kennerick, for two tenements late in the occupation of John Caudwell, — — —   | 2 0 0           |
| The executors of Richard Pindar, for three tenements and gardens in the occupation of Widow Thompson 13s. 4d. Thomas Boreham 6s. 8d. and Fr. Congrave 10s. — — — | 1 10 0          |
| H. Houghton, for a tenement and garden late S. Houghton's, — — —   | 1 0 0           |
| Widow Biddle, for a tenement and garden in her occupation, — — —   | 0 10 0          |
| Thomas Thompson, for a tenement and garden in his occupation, — — —  | 0 10 0          |
| <i>Spon-street.</i>  |                 |
| Joseph Eburn, alderman, for 5 tenements and gardens, —   | 3 0 0           |
| <i>West-orchard.</i>   |                 |
| Mr. John Hassard; for a tenement demised to him, late in the occupation of Joseph Mayo, —  | 0 12 0          |
|  | John            |

ing, and of a piece of ground by the Town-wall, and of a piece of ground lying between the two streams, and of a garden adjoining to the said mill, and of those tenements and cottages and gardens adjoining in Mill-lane, and of the tower near the said mill, from Lady-day, 1680, for thirty-one years, paying 6l. 13s. 4d. per annum. Q. Whether this lease of thirty-one years was not a full recompence (and accepted as such) for the charges of the two new bays of building.

July 7, 1680, It was agreed, that John Yardly, in consideration of his charges in new building the tenements in Mill-lane, and in consideration that he should, at his own cost, pull down three bays of building, being his dwelling-house, called Bastill-mill, and set up three new ones of brick building in the room thereof, should have a lease of the said Bastill-mill, &c. as before, for ninety-nine years, paying 6l. 6s. 8d. per annum: for the tower, 6s. 8d. for the mill, &c. 6l.

This lease of ninety-nine years was sealed with the common seal, the 22d of September, 1682, after the said dwelling-house was re-built, as appears by the date fixed on the out-side thereof, viz. 1681. Q. Whether this long lease was not more than a proper compensation, and was not accepted by Mr. Yardly in a full satisfaction for his charges in re-building? Yet, eleven years after, viz. September 22, 1693, when he was an Alderman and Member of the C—l-house, the M—r and his Brethren sold him the premises in sea-farm, for ever, in consideration of 10l. fine, and the annual rent of 6l.

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| John Sharrat, a rent-charge out of his house; late<br>W. Green's,                 | 0 1 0    |
| John Sisserson and John Fox, for three tenements<br>late Mrs. Elizabeth Pawlet's, | 0 12 0   |

*St. John's Bridges.*

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|---|--------|
| Widow Hurt, Jarvis Troughton, and John Diz, for a<br>tenement and garden in their occupation, late<br>William Hurt's, | 4 0 0  |
| William Craner, for a tenement,   | 1 10 0 |
| Mr. Edward Rawson, for a tenement called the Ele-<br>phant and Castle,  | 2 0 0  |
| John Vyall and Elizabeth Spittle; for certain tene-<br>ments in Palmer-lane; and the gardens with<br>them demised,    | 4 0 0  |
| Mr. Whittell; for a tenement in his occupation,   | 1 10 0 |
| John Butwell, for a tenement in his occupation;   | 1 0 0  |
| Matthew Goodall, alderman; for a tenement and gar-<br>den in Palmer-lane,   | 0 12 0 |

*Without Bishop-gate.*

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| Mr. Humphrey Burton, a rent out of a little piece of<br>ground, lying undivided with his own land, | 1 10 0     |
| K  | Mr. Thomas |

<sup>a</sup> This is no rent-charge: <sup>b</sup> Those are now (1733) in the tenure of Edw. Smith, alderman, & al. who pretend to have purchased the same; and esteem them their own inheritance, paying to the school-bailiff the annual rent of 12s. they are worth above 14*l.* per annum. <sup>c</sup> In a school rental of Mr. Simon Burton's writing, about 1680, there is inserted likewise,—" Robert Whittel, for another tenement, 3*l.* 10*s.*"—This was his dwelling-house. He had a grant of a lease of it, with the house Tipper dwelt in, and the rooms over the brook, October 6, 1673. <sup>d</sup> This little piece of ground is Cook's close, in the old rental; and being let for 1*l.* per ann. in the 15*th* of Elizabeth, bought according to the common advance of lands so near this city, to be worth the annual rent of 10*s.* It was late in the possession of James Pollard, who claimed an interest therin, under a lease made for 1000 years to Humphrey Burton, late clerk to the C—n—l-house of this city. It was leased to H. B. in 1655, for twenty-one years, at 3*s.* 4*d.* per ann.: but, in 1656, by order of the C—c—l-h; there was an abatement made in the rent of 3*s.* 4*d.*; and, March the 1*st*, 1664, we meet with the following order:—" Whereas, " Humphrey Burton holds by lease, wherein he hath seventeen years to " come, a piece of ground without Bishop-street gate, being one acre and " twenty-five perches, which lieth undivided with his own land there (the " other part of Cook's close which he had purchased before) and because " the said H. B. came to that land at first, to get in a debt of 40*s.* for the city " —which was in danger of losing, which the said H. B. paid to the city— " It is now agreed, that the said H. B. shall pay 40*s.* for a fine, and have " a lease thereof from Lady-day next, for 1000 years, upon the former rent " of 30*s.* per annum. This house would have granted it to him in fee-farm; " but, in respect it is school-land, they thought it fitter to demise it as afore- " said." Q. Whether Pollard, by laying a fine, hath not forfeited the lease; " though it was, otherwise, a good one?

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| Mr. Thomas King, for a close near Cook-street gate, now lying undivided with the Conduit-meadow, and for a little close adjoining to the same, also laid into Conduit-meadow, | 4 0 0    |
| Mr. Charles Monk, for a close late Mr. Sellar's, <sup>o</sup> — Cook-street.  | 0 2 0    |
| Robert Paul, for a tenement and backside in his occupation,   | 3 5 0    |
| Anthony Ashmore, for a tenement and garden in the occupation of S. Meigh,   | 1 0 0    |
| Mr. Richard Poole, for a tenement and garden in his occupation,   | 1 10 0   |
| W. Ashmore, for a tenement and garden in his occupation, late Crowder's,  | 0 19 0   |
| John Eburn, for a tenement and garden in his occupation,  | 0 19 0   |
| Widow Mayo, for a tenement in her occupation, A tenement next the school, late in the occupation of Mr. George Greenway, now (1733) Mr. Jackson's, <sup>p</sup>               | 0 19 0   |
|   | 2 10 0   |
| <i>Well-street.</i>   |          |
| Elizabeth Bird, widow, for a tenement and garden in her occupation,   | 2 0 0    |
| Richard Hancox, for a tenement and garden in his occupation,  | 1 10 0   |
| W. Ward, for a tenement and garden in the occupation of W. Robinson,  | 0 10 0   |
| Ursula King, for a tenement and garden in her occupation,   | 0 10 0   |
| James Lester, for a tenement and garden in his occupation,  | 0 4 0    |
| <i>Chief-rents belonging to the said school, at the time aforesaid.</i>   |          |

£. s. d.

The heirs of Phineas White, a rent out of Harnal-fields, called the Prior's Harnal, sometimes in the hand of Mr. Over's, late in the tenure of Edward Snell, now (1733) of William Bosworth, — 0 5 0

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<sup>o</sup> This close, for which the original rent only is reserved, lies (as we are informed) on the north side of the Ewe and Lamb, and was lately let for about 6*l.* per annum.

<sup>p</sup> This tenement, which is built over the gate leading to the Mansion-house, ought not to be charged in the rental; because it is part of the appurtenances given to the Master by the above recited deed,

<sup>q</sup> Four cottages at the gate.

|  | £. s. d.      |
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| The city, a rent out of the guilds and chantries, 1 <i>l.</i> 7 <i>s.</i><br>and out of St. Nicholas's guild, 3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> and out of<br>the Vicar of Exhall's guild, 2 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> — | 1 13 0        |
| A rent issuing out of a tenement in West-orchard,<br>late Mr. Morris's land, — — —   | 0 4 0         |
| A rent issuing out of the lands and tenements of the<br>parish of the Holy Trinity in this city, —   | 0 2 0         |
| The heirs of Mr. Thomas Wheat, a rent issuing out of<br>his tenements, in 1733, in the occupation of<br>Thomas Kevetts, — — — —  | 0 3 6         |
| The heirs of Mr. W. Rogers, a rent issuing out of his<br>tenement, late Birche's, now (1733) Kevett's, 0   | 3 6           |
| Mr. Thomas King, a rent issuing out of his great house<br>in Bishop-street, in his tenure, late Mr. R. Barker's 0  | 7 0           |
| And a rent issuing out of his tenements adjoining, late<br>Corbett's, — — — —  | 0 3 0         |
| The heirs of Mr. John Million, a rent issuing out of<br>certain tenements in Agnes-lane, late Albury's,<br>near the well, in the occupation of T. Faulkner, 0  | 1 6           |
| The heirs of Mr. Peter Cotta, a rent out of certain lands<br>at Jordan-well, late Kebley's land, —   | 0 4 0         |
|  | <hr/> 141 8 6 |

The school estate was conveyed to the Corporation in 1572, being then of the yearly value of 43*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*: but the rents were very slowly improved; for, in 1598, the rental amounted only to 45*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

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<sup>r</sup> It has been usual for the school-bailiffs to crave allowance for these chief rents in their annual accounts. The whole that ought to have been paid by the city amounts to 26*l.* It is pretended, that these chief rents are not due or payable to the school, being purchased by the city of the crown at the same time with their guilds and chantries: but the aforesaid act of Parliament assures us, that the hereditaments given by Mr. Hales (of which these chief rents are part) were purchased of K. H. VIII. whereas the city's purchase of the guilds, &c. was subsequent to Mr. Hales's grant, viz. by patent dated 6 Edward VI. wherein these chief rents are specified as incumbrances. *Vide* the notes upon Bablake boys' rental, p. 36.

<sup>s</sup> It is not to be wondered that the estate was then and afterwards so little improved: for it had been usual (as appears by authentic records which we have seen in London) for the C—p—n to lease the said estate to one another, and to their sons and daughters, at low rents much under the true value, or to take large fines and reserve small rents; for we find that Mrs. Hawiayn paid, for one fine for Hill-mill, the sum of 4*l.* 3*s.* in the years 1584 and 1586.

In 1614 and 1615, when the rental was *57l. 6s. 8d.*, the master's salary was augmented from *20l.* to *30l.* and the usher's from *10l.* to *15l.* per ann.<sup>t</sup> In 1630, the master's salary was increased to *40l.* per ann. and the usher's in proportion. In 1647, the singing master's salary was made *3l.*<sup>u</sup> beside the rent of a tenement; and, in 1648, it was raised to *4l.* and the said tenement was settled upon him during the pleasure of the Council-house. In the same year, the Bailiff's salary was advanced to *3l.*<sup>u</sup> and, about the same time, Mr. Bachelor, the usher, had his salary augmented to *26l. 13s. 4d.* whilst the master's, Mr. Frankland's, still continued at *40l.*<sup>u</sup> We find no other alteration of salaries till after the death of Alderman Welton, late Bailiff to the school,<sup>x</sup> viz. 1713; when the salary was augmented from *3l.* to *6l.* to the succeeding Bailiff, Mr. Wall, in order (as we have been informed by some of the members of the C-c-l) to enable the said Wall the better to discharge a debt, which was owing from him to the Corporation. In 1720, the master's salary was made *50l.* the usher's *33l. 13s. 4d.* and the Bailiff's *7l.*

*The rentals were, in*

|         | £. s. d. |         | £. s. d.             |
|---------|----------|---------|----------------------|
| 1653, - | 72 10 10 | 1682, - | 113 11 0             |
| 1665, - | 84 6 4   | 1707, - | 122 10 10            |
| 1672, - | 102 0 4  | 1708, - | 124 18 10            |
| 1676, - | 107 18 8 | 1721, - | 141 8 6              |
| 1678, - | 110 3 9  | 1729, - | 145 4 2 <sup>u</sup> |

By the Bailiff's accounts which we have seen, as well as by an estimation of repairs for many years, we find, that the monies expended in the repairs of the

<sup>t</sup> The C-p-n, at that time, knew the just proportion betwixt the master's and usher's salaries. <sup>u</sup> Q. *If not contrary to the deed of appointment?*

<sup>x</sup> He was made Bailiff contrary to a standing order of the C-c-l-house, dated March 4, 1546; by which, a member of such house is not allowed to be a Bailiff. <sup>a</sup> Deduct for the tenement in the master's occupation, which ought not to be charged, *2l. 10s.* and the rental will be *143l. 14s. 2d.*

the school, and the master's and usher's houses (which are all that have been repaired) do amount, *communibus annis*, to the sum of 15*l.* Taking, therefore, the mean of the rentals of 1708 and 1729, viz. 133*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* to be the rental for twenty-one years, and allowing, annually, during that term of time, 1*l.* for repairs, it will appear, by an easy calculation, that the overplus (which, by the aforesaid deed of appointment, is to be given to the master and usher, and not otherwise) amounts to the sum of 733*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* to which add the over-payments of the usher, singing master, and Bailiff, viz. 279*l.* 8*s.* and the just overplus, in twenty-one years, will be 1017*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* To the master, 678*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* to the usher, 339*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* of which he has received 158*l.*; remains due to the usher, 181*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*

It would be no great difficulty to point out the particular improved value of every parcel of this estate: but, as a thing of this nature might seem vindictive, we will reserve that, as likewise a discovery of the numerous fines, to a future opportunity; and content ourselves, at present, with observing, that, though the C—p—n, by letting to one another, and to their relations and friends, &c. have suffered this estate, for above these twenty years, to be improved only from 120*l.* to 150*l.* yet, by the account given us from the school bailiff, who computed by the rents paid by the under-tenants, &c. we are well assured that the said estate has, for many years, been worth above 300*l.* per annum.

*Masters of the said School.*

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Philemon Holland, M.D.    | Samuel Frankland, A.M. 1643. |
| Mr. Arnold, 1602.         | Samuel Carte, A.M. 1691.     |
| Mr. Tovey.                | George Greenway, A.M. 1701.  |
| Mr. Cranford, 1625.       | R. Marsden, 1716.            |
| Mr. Phinehas White, 1632. | Edward Jackson, A.M. 1718.   |

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## GREY-FRIARS' HOSPITAL.

Mr. WILLIAM FORD, of this city, merchant of the staple, did, by his will, appoint an Alms-house to be built near Grey-friars' gate, for five men and one woman, assigning to every one of them 5*d.* a week, with power to his executors to regulate the same, by making such additions or diminutions as to them should seem meet. According to his will, William Pisford, sen. of this city, merchant, one of his executors, did purchase and settle lands for the said uses, 6 H. VIII. of twenty marks per annum. And, by his last will, ordered—that there should be admitted into the said Alms-house, six poor men and their wives, of good name and fame, about the age of sixty years, who had been house-keepers in this city,—that every man and his wife should have 7*½d.* a week,—that if any wife died before her husband, then the husband should have the whole 7*½d.* a week; but if the husband died before the wife, then the wife should have but 3*½d.* a week,—and, that two of the widows should have but one house to live in. He likewise ordered a Chantry to be founded, for one priest; who should receive, annually, the sum of 6*l.* out of the said twenty marks, for singing mass twice a week in St. Michael's church, and for reading mass to such of the poor people as were not able to go to church.

*Lands and tenements, purchased by William Pisford, senior.*

| Coventry.   | £. | s. | d.         |
|---|----|----|------------|
| A capital messuage, in the occupation of Roger Wigston, reforder, | —  | —  | —          |
|   |    | 4  | 00         |
|   |    |    | A tenement |

|  | £. s. d. |
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| A tenement next adjoining, — — —   | 1 6 8    |
| In Earl-street, Mr. Warren's house, — — —  | 0 0 0    |
| A tenement in Earl-street, on the north side, on the west corner of Hay-lane, over against the said capital messuage, — — — —  | 0 18 0   |
| A tenement in Broad-gate, on the east side, —  | 1 10 0   |
| Three cottages and gardens in Grey-friars-lane, —  | 1 1 4    |
| A stable and garden in the said lane, —  | 0 2 8    |
| <i>Alspath, in the county of Warwick.</i>  |          |
| A messuage called Brayles, with a croft and a grove called Margery-grove,—a field called Margery-field,—two fields called Cockshut-fields,—two crofts called the Broom-crofts,—and fifteen acres of arable land, lying in a field called the old Worthing, with two acres of meadow in the common meadows, — — — — | 2 6 8    |

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| <i>Meriden, in the said county.</i>  |
| A toft and croft with three roods of meadow in Mill-meadow, and sixteen swaths of meadow in Blyth-meadow, and a piece of meadow called a Hook, and certain grounds on the heath called the Nicholls or Conin-grey, — — — — |

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| <i>Gaddesby, in the county of Leicester.</i>   |
| A messuage and croft,—a croft in the tenure of William Blake,—also, a cottage, with a croft, and one hundred and thirty-two acres of arable land and meadow in the fields of Gaddesby, — |

Afterwards, William Wigston, of Leicester, merchant of the staple, executor to Henry, son and executor to William Pisford aforesaid, did, in pursuance of the trust reposed in him, make a further purchase of lands and hereditaments, and settle the same in feoffees, one half for the hospital, and the other half for a priest to say mass in St. Michael's church; and being empowered to add to or diminish the wills of the founders, he, considering that many of the poor men and women might not, by reason of their age, be able to keep themselves clean, ordered there should be but five poor men and their wives, and an honest poor woman of this city about the age of forty, who should

should have the weekly stipend of 7*1/2*d. for her trouble in keeping their persons and houses clean, and for dressing their meat and washing their cloaths.

*Lands, &c.<sup>a</sup> purchased by William Wigston.*

*Corenty.*

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| A tenement and cottage, with two gardens, in Hill-street, on the west side, — — — | 0 16 0   |
| A tenement and garden on the same side the said street, 0                         | 8 0      |
| Five cottages and gardens next to the said tenements, 1                           | 0 0      |
| Five other cottages and gardens on the same side of the street, — — — — —         | 0 15 0   |
| A close on the other side of the street, — — — — —                                | 0 8 0    |
| Three lands in a field next to St. Nicholas's church, 0                           | 3 4      |

*Kearsley.*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| A messuage and croft called North-croft,—a field called Tome-field,—two acres of arable land upon Riding-piece, near Newland-park,—two fields in Corley-waste, — — — — — | 2 8 0 |
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*Foleshill.*

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| A meadow called Skervyns-moor, butting upon the lane from Foleshill-green to Longford, —               | 0 8 0  |
| <i>Bubbenhall, in the county of Warwick.</i>   |        |
| A messuage with a croft and thirty-four acres of arable land, and four acres of meadow in the field, 1 | 8 0    |
| A messuage, with thirty acres of arable land and four acres of meadow, — — — — —                       | 0 12 0 |
| A messuage with a croft and eight acres of arable land, and one acre of meadow, — — — — —              | 0 18 0 |
| A messuage and croft with eighteen acres of arable land, and half an acre of meadow, —                 | 0 13 0 |
| Five cottages, with gardens, — — — — —   | 1 2 0  |
| Two chief rents, — — — — —   | 0 8 0  |

*Weston.*

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| A messuage, with a close, at the town's-end, with a meadow and sixty acres of arable land, — | 1 6 8 |
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The uses for which these lands were given were, in part, superstitious; and, by virtue of the statute 1 E. VI. ch. 14. the chantry was seized into the King's hands,

<sup>a</sup> By deed, 20 H. VIII. to Thomas Dodd, mayor, &c.

hands, and sold to the Mayor, &c.<sup>b</sup> but his Majesty's commissioners, Sir Walter Mildway, Knt. and Robert Kelway, Esq. knowing the charity of the Hospital to be of a different nature, and not forfeited to the King, made some order for preserving the interest of the poor; and, accordingly, the Alms-house hath ever since been continued. Indeed, if we may credit the inscription on the wall of this Hospital, the lands given to it "were questioned, 7 Jac. I. as concealed "from the Crown, and were again purchased by the "city." But, allowing the truth of this fact, we may infer from it, that, till that time, these lands did belong to the Alms-house, and were settled to the uses thereof, after the order made by the aforesaid commissioners. And it is impossible for the city to claim any advantage, or to merit any praise from this purchase, notwithstanding they set forth in the said inscription, that "they have, ever since, maintained the "charitable uses": for the grant which they received of the King, was a grant of what had been legally disposed of long before; *i.e.* no grant at all. The city might be ignorant of what had been done in the days of E. VI. or they might have a view to the charter of Jac. I. when they made this extraordinary purchase.

*The Bailiff's rental in 1724, of the lands and tenements belonging to the Hospital in Grey-Friars'-lane.*

| <i>Foleshill.</i>  | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|--|-----------------|
| Richard Smart, for two closes late in John Toon's occupation, —                                | 2 0 0           |
| Richard Dolton, for Skervyns-moor, late Samuel Hart's, —                                       | 5 0 0           |
| — Wait, for grounds near Holbrook (late in the occupation of Thomas Clark, of Exhall), —       | 10 0 0          |
| <i>Kearsley.</i>   |                 |
| William Ashburn, for a close in Leighton-fields, late in the occupation of Michael Ashbourn, — | 1 15 0          |
| L  | Mr. H. Burton,  |

<sup>b</sup> *Vide Bablake boys' rental, p. 36,*

|  | £. s. d. |
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| Mr. H. Burton, for a tenement Homestead, and Tom-<br>field's meadow, — — — — —   | 7 4 0    |
| Mr. Skevington, a rent-charge out of the college there,<br>Alspath.  | 0 2 0    |
| Henry Pain, for Crampton's farm, being a messuage<br>and divers pastures and meadows, — — — — —                                    | 20 0 0   |
| Robert Harper, for a tenement and croft,<br>Bubbenhull.  | 1 0 0    |
| Hugh Davenport, for a cottage and garden in his oc-<br>cupation, — — — — —   | 1 0 0    |
| Widow Jayes, for a cottage and garden in her occu-<br>pation, — — — — —  | 1 0 0    |
| Mary Norton, for a cottage in her occupation, — — — — —  | 1 0 0    |
| John Cole, for a cottage and garden in his occupation,<br>John Lapworth, a rent-charge for lands in his occu-<br>pation, — — — — — | 1 0 0    |
| H. Robinson, a rent out of his lands,<br>Gaddesby.   | 0 4 0    |
| Mr. Samuel Alsop, for a messuage and tenements, and<br>one hundred and thirty-two acres of land, — — — — —                         | 61 0 0   |
| Sum total, -   | 112 9 0  |

## Other Benefactors.

|                                       | £. s. d. |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Mr. William Hindman, - - - - -        | 0 6 8    |
| Mr. R. Barker, - - - - -              | 0 10 0   |
| Mr. R. Saunders, - - - - -            | 1 6 8    |
| Mrs. Sherrat, - - - - -               | 0 10 0   |
| Mr. W. Wheat, - - - - -               | 1 10 0   |
| Mr. C. Davenport, - - - - -           | 0 10 0   |
| Mr. S. Norton, <sup>b</sup> - - - - - | 0 3 4    |
| Mr. W. Wright, - - - - -              | 0 8 0    |
| Mrs. Jane Stanley, - - - - -          | 0 10 0   |
| Mr. J. Jesson, <sup>c</sup> - - - - - | 10 8 0   |
| Mr. S. Norton, <sup>d</sup> - - - - - | 10 8 0   |

*There were lately sixteen poor people, and a nurse,  
in this Hospital. But, Q. Whether the improved  
value*

<sup>b</sup> This was payable out of the Black-Bull inn, if we can credit an order of the C—c—l-house for taking a distress, October 1, 1690. <sup>c</sup> This should be 31. 12s. *Vide* remarks upon Wheat. <sup>d</sup> We have thought proper to give these benefactions such a yearly value as may answer the end of the donors and the covenants entered into by the C—p—n. *Vide* Jesson, son of ~~Ad~~—  
man Jesson, p. 95; and *vide* Norton, p. 103.

value of the original estate, with the benefactions, would not be a sufficient maintenance for a greater number?

MILES FLINT, late of the city of Coventry, saddler, who died in January, 1727, devises to the Mayor, &c. of Coventry, (probat apud Lich. 1728,) a perpetual annuity of 10*l.* 8*s.* to be issuing and payable out of his messuage in High-street, near the Rose and Crown, his stable near Mr. Thos. Bird's dwelling-house in Little Park-street, and his little close without Gray-Friars'-gate, in the said city; and appoints that the said annuity be paid to Elizabeth Cambden and the wife of Jeremy Goodall, equally, during their respective natural lives, and, after their decease, then to two poor widows in like manner, to be appointed by the Mayor and his brethren for ever.

Mr. JOHN GAYER, alias SAYER, of London, merchant, gives, by deed, August 30, 1626, two hundred marks to this city, for the relief of the poor; viz. for buying so much woollen cloth of a sad hair colour, which, with the making thereof into garments, and other expences yearly, shall amount to the value of 9*l.* or thereabout. To be given, yearly, in St. Mary's-hall, on the nineteenth of October, or within fourteen days after, with a penny loaf to every of the poor people to whom the said garments are given; and 6*s.* 8*d.* to be spent in wine and cakes, to recreate the Mayor and his brethren.

These two hundred marks were paid to the city, by the hands of Mr. Isaac Walden, April 17, 1627; and the Great-puddy-croft was settled for the performance of this charity.

This gift was duly distributed from 1627 to 1635, and regular entries were made of the particulars; whereby it appears there were given—twenty children's coats, and ten suits for boys. The entries are dropped by Mr. Burton, after the said year 1635: but, in the year 1702, there were thirty suits disposed of by Joseph Poole and John Remington, junior wardens that year.

Mr. Burton says Kearsley tithes are to discharge this gift. *Vide* remarks upon Wheat.

THOMAS GODFREY gave, for the use of the poor of this city, 10*l.* The church-wardens of Trinity pay this gift, 10*s.* <sup>e</sup>

Mr. J. HADDON, besides the Loan-money before-mentioned, gives by will, March 23, 1518, 20*l.* to buy corn with; to bring down the market at such time as corn riseth.

These 20*l.* were, formerly, applied to their proper use; for, in 1598, the city received, for corn sold out of the store-house, 9*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*

There is a book, intitled *The Store-house book*, in the custody of the C—p—n; and the store-house is inserted in the rental of the Guilds, &c. under Hay-lane and Bailey-lane.

JAMES HARWELL, of this city, gent, orders and appoints by will, February 28, 1630, probat. apud Lich. 10 Mar. seq. that his executor, Simon Norton, gentleman, shall, at his discretion, pay to the poor of this city, the sum of 20*l.* and shall lay out

<sup>e</sup> Pay this gift. *Vide* Trinity rental, in the Appendix, No. IV.

out 20*l.* more upon a purchase of lands or tene-  
ments of the yearly value of 20*s.* for the preaching of  
three sermons, yearly, in St. Michael's church; one  
on St. James's-day, another on St. Bartholomew's-  
day, and the third on St. Matthias's-day.

This charity was not settled till after the death of Mr. Norton, when Henry Harwell, brother to the said James, made an addition thereunto of 15*l.* and Mr. H. Burton, and the other executors of Mr. Norton, allowed 5*l.* for the interest of the 20*l.* given to the poor as aforesaid; to all which Mr. John Clark made a further addition of 5*l.* to the end and intent that there might be yearly paid and distributed the sum of 3*l.* 10*s.* at the least. The whole amounting to 65*l.* was paid to the Mayor, B. and C.; who did, thereupon, by indenture tripartite,<sup>f</sup> November 18, 1641, betwixt them the said M. B. and C. of the first part, Henry Harwell and John Clark of the second, and H. Burton & al. of the third part, covenant and agree that they would, at their own costs and charges, bestow yearly, for ever, fifty dozen of wheaten bread, in St. Michael's church, to the poor—twenty dozen on St. Matthias's-day, fifteen dozen on St. James's-day, and fifteen dozen on St. Bartholomew's-day: and would pay, to some able divine, 20*s.* yearly, by equal portions, upon the said three feast-days, for preaching three sermons then and there—3*l.* 10*s.*

This gift was paid by Mr. Joseph Norton, one of the city Bailiffs, in the year 1686.

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Dr. HINTON, (who was instituted into the vicarage of St. Michael's, in this city, in the year 1583) gave 20*l.* for the repairs of St. Michael's church.

Mr. WILLIAM

<sup>f</sup> By this indenture, certain closes and pastures, called Prior's-orchard (vide Sir Thomas White's rental) were settled for securing this charity.

Mr. WILLIAM HOPKINS, by will, March 6, 1569, gives, to the Mayor, B. and C. a house on the west side of Little-Park-street, on condition that they and their successors, for ever, do yearly pay, out of the rent thereof, 20s. for the preaching of three sermons in Lent, in St. Michael's, or any other church within the city of Coventry.

Richard, son of the said William Hopkins, by deed, April 10, 24 Elizabeth, grants this house to the Mayor, B. and C. to perform the desires of his father in his will: and it was sold, in the year 1700, to — Bradshaw, in fee-farm, for 20*l.*; the yearly rent of 1*l.* being reserved for the sermons aforesaid.

Mr. SAMPSON HOPKINS gave, February 11, 1623, 5*l.* towards the repairs of Bablake-boy's Hospital; which was paid to the city by the aforesaid William Hopkins.

Sir JOHN HUBAND, of Homptre, in the county of Hereford, by will, April 1, 1583, gives (out of 1300*l.* due to him from Sir Hugh Chombley & al.) the sum of 100*l.* for the uses of the city of Coventry, which he orders his executors to deliver to the Corporation of the said city.

Q. *How these 100*l.* were applied?*

THOMAS HUNTON, (formerly a Bablake-boy) gave to the city, December 7, 1682, 40*l.* towards keeping a boy in the Hospital of Bablake—2*l.* 8*s.*

January 10, 1682, an order of C—o—l—house was made (wherein this benefaction is recited) that the son of Richard Morrice should be admitted into the Hospital, the first boy of this gift.

Mr. W.

Mr. W. JELLIFF, of this city, alderman, gives by will, March 14, 1681, to the Mayor, B. and C. all that messuage, tenement, and garden, and backside in Spon-street, in the tenure of Richard Brockhurst and Thomas Brockhurst;<sup>g</sup> and also an inclosed pasture in the parish of Foleshill, known by the name of the Strypes,<sup>h</sup>—in trust, for ever, to dispose of the rents and profits thereof, on the tenth of March yearly, or within six days after, in the following manner:—to two poor housekeepers in Spon-street ward, to two others in Bishop-street ward, to one in New-street, in Jordan-well ward, to one in Gosford-street ward, without the gate, and to one in every other of the six wards, to each 6s. 8d. Every Sunday in the year 1s. in wheaten bread, to be given by the church-wardens, in Trinity church, to the greatest objects of charity. To the Vicar of Trinity, 10s. yearly, for a sermon on the great fair-day, in Trinity or St. Michael's church. To the Mayor and his brethren, 10s. for wine at their dinner on St. Thomas's-day—6l. 12s. — The residue for repairs.



Mr. THOMAS JESSON, of London, grocer, gave by will (as is before observed in the Loan-money) July 28, 1684, Ex Regr. Cur. Praerog. Cant. to the Mayor, B. and C. the sum of 2000l. to be laid out in a purchase of lands for charitable uses; the yearly rent whereof is to be, at least, 100l.

This money was paid to the city by his brothers Mr. W. and Mr. R. Jesson, 1638, and the city therewith purchased, of Sir H. Rainsford, an estate in Gloucestershire, called Clifford Chambers, which was immediately

<sup>g</sup> Leased to Mr. William Pawson, junior, in 1701, for twenty-one years, in consideration of 10l. fine, and the yearly rent of 5l. 10s.

<sup>h</sup> This lies near Colepit causeway, and was let to Mr. E——d O——n.

immediately after, let by the city to the said Sir H. for the clear yearly rent of 100*l.* and afterwards, viz. in the year 1644, to Edward Owen, at the same rent. but, in 1677, it was leased to the said Mr. Edward Owen (as appears by an order of C—c—l-house) at the annual rent of 80*l.* only.

*The disposal of this noble benefaction (as directcd by the will) is to be as follows:*

| <i>On St. Thomas's-day.</i>   | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|---|-----------------|
| For the putting out apprentice six poor boys, free-<br>men's sons, two of which are to be of Little-<br>Park-street ward, with each 3 <i>l.</i> | 18 0 0          |
| To poor people in bread, on St. Thomas's-day, after<br>divine service, in St. Michael's church, —   | 2 0 0           |
| To ten poor decayed freemen, 20 <i>s.</i> a-piece, two at<br>least of the aforesaid ward, —   | 10 0 0          |
| To twenty poor widows, 10 <i>s.</i> a-piece, four at least of<br>the said ward, —   | 10 0 0          |
| For bread, to be given to the poor of St. Michael's<br>parish, 4 <i>s.</i> every Lord's-day throughout the year,<br>in St. Michael's church, —  | 10 8 0          |
| For bread, to be given to the poor of Trinity parish,<br>2 <i>s.</i> every Lord's-day throughout the year, in Tri-<br>nity church, —            | 5 4 0           |
| For a sermon, to be preached every Wednesday<br>morning in St. Michael's church, by a preacher<br>to be chosen by the Mayor, &c.                | 6 0 0           |
| If not so chose, or sermons cease, then to be given<br>to twelve poor people of Little-Park-street.   |                 |
| To poor tradesmen, in loan as aforesaid, yearly,  | 20 0 0          |
| To four or five of his own kindred, at least 40 <i>s.</i><br>a-piece,   | 10 0 0          |
| To the Vicar of St. Michael's, for a sermon on St.<br>Thomas's-day,   | 1 0 0           |
| For a dinner for the Mayor and his brethren on the<br>said day,   | 3 0 0           |
| To the Church-wardens of St. Michael's, for cakes and<br>drink on the said day,   | 0 15 0          |
| To the Church-wardens of Trinity, for the same pur-<br>pose,  | 0 10 0          |
| To the city clerk for making bonds and entries,   | 1 0 0           |
|   | <hr/> 97 17 0   |

The residue to the poor, especially to the maimed.  
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The Tr—s—r, A.O—n, received yearly, of Mr. Zouch, the tenant in 1733, 100*l.* and accounts for 78*l.* 17*s.* the Loan-money being constantly omitted.

*Q. What becomes of the rest; and why this estate is not improved in the space of near an hundred years?*

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Mr. WILLIAM JESSON, of this city, Alderman, gives by will, October 23, 1650, to his executors, his sons W. and T. Jesson, the sum of 210*l.* for them and the survivor to distribute, yearly, on the twenty-second of December, for the term of ten years after his decease, 11*l.* per annum to the poorest people, in the following manner:—in High-street ward 10*s.* in Little Park-street ward 2*l.* in Spon-street ward 1*l.* 10*s.* in each of the seven other wards 1*l.* Not to exceed 5*s.* to any couple, nor 2*s.* 6*d.* to any single person.—He desires them to continue this charity afterwards, as God shall enable them and put into their hearts.

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Mr. THOMAS JESSON, son of Alderman Jesson, of this city, gives by will, August 24, 1653, the profits and interest of 200*l.* to be yearly paid by his brother W. Jesson and his heirs, to the maintenance of two alms-men or alms-women in Grey-Friars' hospital, if the Council of the said city shall suffer the said W. Jesson to nominate and appoint the same; unless his said brother shall, during his life, settle upon feoffees, in trust, lands of the clear value of 200*l.* for the maintenance of such alms-men or alms-women, for ever.

The city received the 200*l.* of Mr. W. Jesson, October 10, 1654, and settled Conduit-meadow upon feoffees, for the payment of an annual sum in charity, according to the mind of Mr. Jesson.

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THOMAS

THOMAS LANE, of this city, gent. gives by will, January 10, 1656, to the Ministers of the two parishes, and their successors for ever, all the fee-farm rents issuing to him out of the city of Coventry, to be disposed of by them to the godliest poor. *Item*, to his executors, all his bonds and bills not disposed of, amounting to 1100*l.* or thereabouts, to be by them laid out in lands; the rents thereof, together with all his fee-farm rents not disposed of, for the fitting poor scholars for the University, and towards their maintenance there, for the space of seven years and a half; and for the relief of Ministers' widows, both to be of the county of Warwick, or of the city or county of the city of Coventry,—three parts for the poor scholars, and a fourth part for the widows. He appoints the Mayor, the Steward, the two Ministers and Lecturer of the city, overseers and trustees for disposing of the rents for the uses aforesaid: three of them, at least, to give their consent, under hand and seal, to every annuity for every poor scholar and widow. No poor scholar's allowance, before he goes to the University, to be above 5*l.* per ann. (and this not to begin till he be in Greek) nor above 10*l.* nor under twenty nobles at the University. No widow's allowance to be under 5*l.* nor to exceed 6*l.* per ann. which shall continue during their lives. He appoints Mr. J. Naylor, Mayor, Mr. Hopkins, steward, Dr. Grew, and Mr. Basnet, to consult together, and to settle the revenues, &c. by some legal instrument; which his executors are to confirm according to law. The instrument or establishment to be kept amongst the records of the city. The trustees to meet twice a year, to consider the best way for promoting the aforesaid ends: and his executors and overseers are desired to take care of a faithful receiver from time to time.

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The Mayor, B. and C. steward Hopkins, Mr. Peak, and Mr. Wanley, January 23, 1672, preferred a bill in Chancery against Robert Beak and Dr. Bryan, setting forth Mr. Lane's will—that Beak and Bryan having taken upon them the execution of the said will, had purchased out of the personal estate, lands of the yearly value of 44*l.*—That they did faithfully execute the trust; but were willing to transfer to the Mayor, B. and C. who were willing to accept the same.

Defendants, Beak and Bryan, answered, January 31, 25 C. II. that the fee-farm rents which Mr. Lane had purchased, were restored to the crown upon the happy restoration of his Majesty; confessed the will, and the purchase they had made of Mr. Abraham Bohun, of lands near Coventry, worth 44*l.* per annum, but by the late fall of lands then let for 29*l.* per annum. That they were willing to transfer as desired, and to give a true account upon oath—that Beak had 82*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* in his hands.

On the 28th of April following, the Earl of Shaftsbury, Lord High Chancellor, decreed, that defendants should transfer to the Mayor, B. and C. the inheritance of the purchased premises, and pay to the plaintiffs the said 82*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* That the defendants should be allowed out of the said money for the charges of the decree and conveyance.

October, 1673, Bryan and Beak conveyed the lands aforesaid (which lay in Coundon, in the county of Warwick) to Thomas Bewley, Mayor, to the ten Aldermen, and to Abraham Brooks, and Francis Herriman, gentleman.

After this, G. Bohun, Esq. being desirous to purchase the said lands which had been his ancestors, the Mayor, &c. July 10, 26 C. II. were empowered by a decree in Chancery to sell the same.

to him for 800*l.* (he paying all charges) and to purchase other lands with the said 800*l.* for the uses above-mentioned in Mr. Lane's will.

Accordingly a deed of conveyance to G. Bohun, of Cadiz, in the realm of Spain, was executed September 11, 26 C. II. by Francis Herriman, Mayor, and the ten Aldermen; and with the said 800*l.* and some money arising out of the estate, the city purchased of Sir Roger Burgoyn, April 3, 1675, a messuage in Bradnock's Marsh, within the manor of Balsall, and the mills, closes, and grounds there, in the county of Warwick, in the occupation of Thomas Hill, Robert Water, and John Marle. The total of the lands is eighty-eight acres, two rood, twenty-nine perches; and in 1675 was let for 48*l.* 10*s.* There was then growing thereupon 511 trees, great and small,

| <i>The late rental:</i>  | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|--|-----------------|
| Moses Bird, for a messuage, barns, orchard, and garden, the water mill, six closes, and one meadow | 27 10 0         |
| Thomas Masters, for a messuage, barns, gardens, and nine closes                                    | 19 10 0         |
| John Swift, for a messuage and little close  | 1 10 0          |
|  | 48 10 0         |

**Q. Why this estate is not improved since 1675?**

*The T-r-s-r, in 1733, received the rents of this estate, and charged in his accounts as follows:*

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| For three exhibitions, 6 <i>l.</i> 13 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> each | 20 0 0 |
| For two clergymens' widows, 6 <i>l.</i> each                     | 12 0 0 |
|  | 32 0 0 |

**Q. Whether these exhibitions have been immediately filled up upon every vacancy, and whether there might not (as the will allows) be 10*l.* per annum at the University?**

**RICHARD**

RICHARD LEE, of this city, gives by will, May 30, 1668, one fourth part of the yearly rent of a tenement which he purchased of Francis Bowater, and wherein one John Timms dwelt, to be disposed of yearly, for ever, by the overseers of his will, Mr. T. Bewley, and Michael Parker, during their lives, and after their decease, by the Minister and Churchwardens of St. Michael's, for the time being, to one widow between Mr. Jesson's house and the gate, or in case no widow lives within that compass, to one widow in Little Park-street.

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Mr. EDWARD LUFFKIN, of this city, merchant of the staple, by will gives to the poor of Bablake ward, 5s. per annum, for ever, out of his lands, or the house wherein Toby Park dwelleth—5s.

This house was lately in the occupation of Joseph Welton.

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JOHN MOOR, of this city, gent. gives by will, September 8, 1729, Ex Regr. Lich. all his messuages, closes, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in this city (except the Cross-keys and the new meeting-house) in Kearsley, or elsewhere, in the county of the said city, and in Nuneaton, in the county of Warwick.—*Item*, All his personal estate (except plate, household goods, &c. and 100*l.* to his sister Mollery) to Mr. Jos. Poole, Alderman, Mr. Richard Poole, clothier, Mr. Edward Remington, apothecary, Mr. William Malkin, weaver, and Mr. John Shaw, weaver, upon trust, that they and their successors shall suffer his said sister to receive to her own use, for her life, the yearly rents of the said messuages, &c. and all the proceed of his personal estate (except

cept as before) and that the said trustees shall, as soon as may be, after his decease, dispose of his personal estate (first converting it into money) in the purchase of freehold lands, &c. within twenty miles of this city, to them, their heirs, and assigns, in trust, that his said sister shall receive the rents thereof for her life; and that after her death, the rents and profits of all his lands, &c. shall for ever go and be employed and distributed in the following manner, viz. .

| <i>In annuities for life</i>   | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|--|-----------------|
| To Peter Gery, of London, and Joanna his wife, and afterwards to their sons and daughters  | 20 0 0          |
| To James Orton, of London, grocer, and his wife, and afterwards to their sons and daughters  | 10 0 0          |
| To Sarah, the wife of Thomas Longmaid, of Islington, and afterwards to her children; or if she die without issue, to Rebecca Orton, of this city, and to her issue | 10 0 0          |
| To the said Rebecca Orton, and her issue   | 10 0 0          |
| To Ann Clifton, widow, and relict of John Clifton, and to her three daughters, Mary, Ann, and Susannah   | 10 0 0          |
| To John Hunt, and Elizabeth his wife, and to their issues  | 20 0 0          |
| To forty persons in number, that shall hold, or enjoy any part of his said lands, &c. equally amongst them   | 40 0 0          |
|  | 120 0 0         |

And that the residue over and above the said several annuities, shall be employed and bestowed in weekly payments of 2s. to each of the following persons, for their respective lives:

|  | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|--|-----------------|
| William Clifton, the elder, of this city, baker, and to his now wife; Thomas Clifton, their son, | 0 2 0           |
| William Clifton, the younger   | 0 2 0           |
| Barbara Wooton, widow  | 0 2 0           |
| John Miller; Elizabeth Miller, and Ann Miller, son and daughters of John Miller, fellmonger      | 0 6 0           |
|  | Mary            |

|   | £. s. d.        |
|---|-----------------|
| Mary, wife of Henry Atkins  | 0 2 0           |
| John, son of Thomas Catterns, of this city, butcher,<br>and after his death to the said Thomas Catterns,<br>and after the said Thomas's death, to Sarah his<br>wife | 0 2 0           |
| Mary, the now wife of William Winterton, of this<br>city, butcher, and after her death to her daugh-<br>ter, Elizabeth Winterton                                    | 0 2 0           |
| Ann, the now wife of William Craner, of this city,<br>mason   | 0 2 0           |
| George Taylor, of this city, weaver   | 0 2 0           |
| Ann Ryley, of this city, spinster   | 0 2 0           |
|   | <hr/>           |
|   | per week 1 2 0  |
|   | <hr/>           |
|   | per ann. 57 4 0 |

That the overplus of the yearly rents, profits, &c. shall be weekly, or yearly, paid and applied by his said trustees, to and for the proper use and benefit of poor people, inhabitants in this city.

And to the intent that there may be a perpetual succession of a competent number of feoffees or trustees, he orders and appoints, that the standing number be five; that upon the death, or removal of any one of them from Coventry, another trustee shall be elected within one month after, by the survivors, or greater part of them; and that when the five devisees, or trustees herein nominated, shall be reduced to two, such two surviving devisees or trustees shall make a feoffment of his present freehold, &c. unto the other three persons that shall be so chosen to be trustees; and in all times to come, the same method shall be observed, in order to perpetuate the said trust, and secure the performance of the good and charitable uses.



Mr. JAMES NAILER, of this city, Alderman, by deed, April 14, 1683, gives to the Mayor, B. and C. a rent charge of 10s. per annum, out

of a house in Cook-street, next to the corner house on the left hand; to be given to two poor widows the week after St. Bartholomew's day, the one dwelling in Bayley-lane, the other in Cook-street, or without Gosford-gate, in Trinity parish, to each five shillings.—In 1708, the City Bailiff paid of this gift to Widow Dixon, 5s.

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Mr. THOMAS NICHOLLS, by will, bearing date as before mentioned in the loan money, p. 12, gives to the Mayor, B. and C. a yearly rent of 20s. out of a house in Much Park-street, in the occupation of R. Dixon, payable at the two usual feasts, by equal portions, towards the maintenance of the poor children in Babblake.—*Item*, one other yearly rent of 20s. out of the same house, towards the repairs of St. Michael's church, for ever. He likewise gives out of the interest of his loan money, to the poor men in Babblake, 3s. 4d.<sup>a</sup>—2l. 3s. 4d.

This house was in the occupation of Nehemiah Price, in the year 1700; and the rents were distributed in 1702, by the Wardens for that year.

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Mr. SIMON NORTON, of this city, Alderman, gives by will, July 2, 1641, to his son, Thomas Norton, his heirs and assigns, all his tithes of Coundon, and all his lands there lying in the common fields, and all his tithes arising in his grounds, meadows, and pastures, in Biggin and Holm, called Biggin grounds, in the parish of Clifton, in the county of Warwick, upon condition, that if ever the church of Babblake be made a parish church,  
the

a. This every third year only.

the said Thomas Norton, his heirs and assigns, shall, for ever, pay, out of the said tithes and lands in Coundon aforesaid, to the Minister of Bablake for the time being, the annual sum of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and shall permit and suffer the said Minister to receive to his own use, all the said tithes of Biggin: *Item*, he gives to Sampson Hopkins, Mayor, Henry Million, & al. Aldermen, a messuage with the appurtenances, in the suburbs without Gosford-gate, in the occupation of John Hall, with a close lying near or adjoining to the said messuage, in the occupation of Thomas Taylor; and, also, all those eight cottages and one gate-house, being heretofore a tenement, lying together within the said suburbs, with all buildings, gardens, orchards, &c. belonging to the same, upon trust, that they shall, out of the rents thereof, for ever, yearly pay, on the feast of St. Simon and Jude, to the Vicar and Church-wardens of St. Michael, for the use of the poor of that parish, the sum of 10*l.* to buy two hundred dozen of wheaten bread, to be distributed,—four dozen, every Sunday, before morning prayer, abating only eight dozen in the whole year, at such times as the Vicar and Church-wardens aforesaid shall think fit. The residue of the rents and profits of the said premises, to be bestowed, on the said feast, in buying waistcoats and smocks for poor widows, and cloth for clothing poor children within the said city. *Item*, he gives to the Mayor, B. and C. three hundred marks, upon trust, that they shall, for ever, find and maintain a couple of alms-folks in Grey-Friars', one alms-man in the hospital of Bablake, and one poor boy in the said hospital.

This benefaction was afterwards settled by deed, 18 Charles I. between the Mayor, B. and C. and Mr. Thomas Norton.

In 1641, the city received, for half a year's rent of Mr. Norton's gift, due at Michaelmas, 8*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

so that the annual rent was 16*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* but, in 1685, Thomas Barker, for the great messuage <sup>b</sup> without Gosford-gate, eight tenements, a gate-house and a close, lying all together, paid but the annual rent of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Out of these houses and lands the Church-wardens of St. Michael's receive yearly, for bread, 10*l.*; and the City Wardens, in 1702, paid, for ten shifts for widows, 2*l.* 5*s.*

In 1643, the city received, of Michael Packwood, in part of payment for trees sold out of Mr. Norton's lands without Gosford-gate, 3*l.*

Q. *What the whole purchase-money came to?*

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Mr. EDMUND PALMER, of this city, gent. gives, by nuncupative will, September 23, 1641, Ex Regro. Cur. Praerog. Cant. a messuage and appurtenances in Spon-street, without the gate, on the left hand, towards the maintenance of the poor people in Bablake.

Ald. Edward O—n says this house was pulled down, in the time of the civil wars, by order of the Committee.

Q. *What became of the materials and the ground?*

September 13, 1643, the city received of W. King, for the building of this house, 10*l.*

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Mrs. PIGGIN, alias PICKEN, gives by will, to the Mayor, B. and C. the sum of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the intent that they shall, yearly, pay to the Vicar and Church-wardens of Trinity, the sum of 1*l.* at the feast of St. Michael and the Annunciation, by equal portions, to be distributed by the said Vicar and Church-wardens, to the poor people of Trinity parish—1*l.*

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<sup>b</sup> Leased to Mr. Barker for ninety-nine years.

This money was brought into the C—c—l-house, the last day of June, 1613; and put out to Richard Kilbee, junior, at the interest of 1*l.* per annum: and March 1, 1653, the city received it back from the said Kilbee, and resolved to keep it, paying for the same the yearly interest of 1*l.*

This gift is now (1733) paid by the Church-warden<sup>s</sup> of Trinity.

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Mr. NICHOLAS RABY, gives by will, 150*l.* owing to him from Sir Robert Brett, upon his indenture of covenant, in manner following:—20*l.* to buy books for the Free-school library, by the advice of the chief master of the said school. The residue, *viz.* 130*l.* for the maintenance of the poor of the company of taylors and shearmen, to be put forth by the advice of his good lord and master, Edward Coke, Lord Chief Justice of the Common-Pleas, and of the Mayor and Steward of the city for the time being. *Item*, the overplus of the monies arising from his lands and goods, after debts and legacies and funeral expences are paid, to be disposed of in augmentation of the stock for the relief of the poor of the said company, by the advice of the Lord Justice, Mayor and Steward aforesaid—130*l.*

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Mr. RICHARD SAUNDERS, of this city; grazier, gives by will, July 17, 1595, to the poor children of Bablake, the tenement with the appurtenances and shops and cellars in his own occupation, and in the occupation of William Hurt and William Randle; provided that the sum of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* be yearly paid out of the rents thereof to the relief of the poor of Grey-Friars' hospital. *Item*, he gives 7*l.* in money, and certain stone, to repair the said tenement, &c.

The premises (which lie at the upper end of the shambles)<sup>a</sup> in the year 1700, were in the tenure of John Bennet and John Higginson, Ald. Edward O—n. They were late in the occupation or tenure of John Bennet, junior, Thomas Smith, and Richard Smith, at the yearly rent of about 17*l.*

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Mr. WILLIAM SEWALL, of this city, vintner, gives by will, June 29, 1624, to the Mayor, B. and C. one yearly rent of 1*l.* to be paid at the feasts of St. Michael and the Annunciation, out of a tenement and garden in West-Orchard, for the benefit of the poor children in Bablake. *Item*, to the said Mayor, &c. for the use of the said poor children, another yearly rent of 1*l.* out of two messuages in High-street, in the tenure of Ellis Jones and John Moody, and of a shop in the tenure of John Barker.

The house in West-Orchard is, or lately was, the sign of the Thistle: and the houses and shops lie near to the sign of the Crown; and were, in 1708, in the tenure of Miles Flint and John Barr—2*l.*

Mrs. ELIZABETH SHARRAT, by indenture, April 28, 1607, orders the interest of her loan-money before-mentioned, to be distributed yearly in the following manner:

|   | £        | s.        | d.       |
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| To the poor of Much Park-street ward, <sup>b</sup>                  | 1        | 10        | 0        |
| To the poor of Cross-Cheaping ward,                                 | 0        | 15        | 0        |
| To the poor of Bishop-street ward, <sup>b</sup>                     | 0        | 15        | 0        |
| To the poor children of Bablake, <sup>c</sup>                       | 0        | 10        | 0        |
| To the poor people of Grey-Friars' hospital, <sup>c</sup>           | 0        | 10        | 0        |
| To the Mayor,   | 0        | 6         | 8        |
| To the four Aldermen, 9 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> a-piece, <sup>d</sup> | <u>0</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>4</u> |
|   | <u>5</u> | <u>00</u> |          |

Mr. RICHARD

<sup>a</sup> Leased to Nathaniel Hobson for ninety-nine years, at the annual rent of 7*l.* *vide* Bablake boys' rental, note, p. 36. <sup>b</sup> This gift (as also the benefactions to the four Aldermen) was paid by the city Baiff in the year 1708.

<sup>c</sup> Paid

Mr. RICHARD SMITH, gives by will, February 19, 1591, to the poor boys of Babblake, 20s. per annum, out of his house at Little Park-street end, and the two stables in the said street—1l.

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Mr. RICHARD SMITH, of London, draper, gives by will, 1623, to the Mayor, B. and C. a rent charge of 20s. out of his house in Fleet-street, in the occupation of H. Smith, baker, to pay the same yearly to ten poor inhabitants in Earl-street ward, to be nominated by the Alderman of that ward, to each 2s.—1l.

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Mr. WILLIAM STANLEY, master of the Drapers' Company, in this city, gives by will, dated as before in the loan money, towards the repairs of St. Michael's church, 20l.—To the Company of Drapers, to employ and set on work, poor children, when the place called the Drapery<sup>e</sup> is made a workhouse, 100l.—To the Mayor, B. and C. to put forth apprentice ten freemens' sons in London or Coventry, to be free of the city where they serve, 100l.—*Item*, He gives 150l. of Nicholas Raby's, which he had in his hand, to the Company of Tailors and Shearmen, to be paid within five years after his decease, unless his executrix be obliged to expend the same in the further execution of the will of the said Nicholas Raby—150l.

SIMON

<sup>c</sup> Paid in 1708. <sup>d</sup> The Aldermen, *viz.* of the three wards aforesaid, and the senior Alderman. Afterwards, by an act of Council, it was ordered, that the Aldermen should have no more than 2s. 8d. each, and that 3s. 4d. should be given to the Town-serjeant, for his trouble in collecting the money. <sup>e</sup> The Drapery never was made a workhouse. 2. Therefore, whether this money ought not to be applied to the uses of the present House of Industry.

SIMON STONE, of London, gent. by will, January 12, 12 J. I. orders his executors to sell his manor of Warburton, in Sussex, and to purchase, with part of the money arising from the sale thereof, an annuity, or rent charge of  $3l. 6s. 8d.$  which he gives for ever for the maintenance and relief of poor scholars in the Free Grammar-school of this city, orphans of his kindred or name; in default thereof, to the maintenance of other poor scholars, orphans, and widows within this city; the first payment to begin at the feast of St. Michael next after his decease.

In 1620, Mr. Stone's money, viz.  $50l.$  were put out by the city to W. Handcocks, at the yearly interest of  $3l. 6s. 8d.$  and May 4, 1622, the same was paid into the city by the said Handcocks. Mr. H. Burton says, that this annual payment is to be discharged out of Kearsley tithes: and accordingly we find, that the Wardens (who received the rents for the said tithes) did, in the year 1702, charge in their accounts the payment of this exhibition to Nathaniel Showell and Samuel Brockhurst, scholars in the Free Grammar school, and kinsmen of Mr. Simon Stone— $3l. 6s. 8d.$

*We cannot learn that this benefaction has ever been disposed of since.*

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Mrs. ELIZ. SWILLINGTON, of Stivichall, in the county of this city, widow of Ralph Swillington, Esq. late Recorder of this city, did in her lifetime deliver to Mr. H. Over,<sup>a</sup> the sum of  $140l.$  to lay out in a purchase of lands, to the intent, that the rents, issues, and profits thereof, should for ever be

<sup>a</sup> He was Mayor in the year 1543.

be applied to the repairing and amending the common highways lying nigh unto and without the said city; especially the common highways in Stivichall, and nigh Stivichall, leading from Stivichall to Coventry, and from Coventry towards Warwick; and that the overplus which should at any time remain, should be applied to the relief of poor, impotent, and needy persons within the said city, for ever.

The said Henry Over purchased, with the aforesaid 140*l.* lands and tenements of the clear yearly value of 7*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* And to the intent that the charitable will of the said Mrs. Swillington might be performed, he did by indenture, January 20, 6 E. VI. convey an absolute estate in fee-simple, of all the said lands, &c. to John Wade, John Nethermill, & al. And, by indenture tripartite, bearing equal date, between John Wade, John Nethermill, & al. of the one part, the Mayor, B. and C. and Recorder of this city, of the second part, and the Master and Burgesses of the town of Warwick, of the third part (after a recital of the gift of Mrs. Swillington as above-mentioned) the said John Wade, John Nethermill, & al. do covenant to and with the said Mayor, B. and C. and Recorder, and their successors, and to and with the said Master and Burgesses, and their successors, to suffer the rents, &c. of the said lands and tenements to be employed to the uses aforesaid. The co-feoffees do likewise covenant, that W. Queenborough, and Thomas Gregory (overseers of Mrs. Swillington's will) shall have the receipts and disbursements of the rents for their lives. That, after their decease, four substantial persons shall be chose out of this city, to receive and distribute the same in form as aforesaid. When only four feoffees remain, they shall name ten more. If the co-feoffees do not perform these covenants, then the said estate shall go to Warwick, to an

highways in and about Warwick; especially between Warwick and Coventry. If the Master and Burgesses of Warwick do not truly apply the rents, &c. of the said estate, then it shall return to Coventry, for the uses aforesaid.—All the overplus<sup>b</sup> of the rent, and all the rent when the highways need no mending, and all monies arising by fines, heriots, wood, &c. shall go to the poor impotent people as aforesaid.

*The old rental.*

| <i>Radford.</i>   | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|---|-----------------|
| Two tenements, with two crofts lying to them, and a close called Onley's-leyes,—a little close at the south end of the town of Radford, next the highway,—and another close there, east from that,—and an orchard there, with fish-pools therein, with a little croft on the south side the same orchard,—and a meadow place on the north side of the same orchard,—and a close on the west side of the said meadow,—in the tenure of James Rogers, - - - - - | 3 10 0          |
| <i>Item</i> , a close called Thistle-field, in the tenure of Richard Kilbee, - - - - -  | 0 13 4          |
| <i>Corndon.</i>   |                 |
| Four closes called Gallow-tree-fields, in the tenure of Richard Price, - - - - -  | 2 0 0           |
| A tenement, garden, and two crofts, in the tenure of John Hill, - - - - -   | 0 12 0          |
| <i>Kearsley.</i>  |                 |
| A close called the Long-field, in the tenure of John Proctor, - - - - -   | 0 8 8           |
| <i>Deduct a chief-rent to the Manor of Childsmore, -</i>  | <i>7 2 0</i>    |
|   | <i>0 1 1</i>    |
| <i>Clear yearly value, in 1553, -</i>   | <i>7 0 11</i>   |

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<sup>b</sup> 2. Whether the overplus has not, from time to time, been very considerable; for we find that R. Smith, bailiff to this estate, paid into the Treasury an overplus of 15*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* November 3, 1561: but we cannot learn that any of it has ever been given to the poor, &c. — Joiner's-fields, in 1646.

By an inquisition taken at the sign of the Pannier, in 1646, it appears, that the yearly value of this estate was then 41*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*: but, about the year 1685, it was let for no more than 36*l.* 8*s.*<sup>d</sup> at which time, by agreement of the city, Richard Ferryman had undertaken, for the term of twenty-one years (as appears by order of the Council-house, October 31, 1674) to keep in repair not only all the causeways without the city, but also the causeway leading down to the Priory and without the Priory-gate, the street before Bablake church, and the street from the West-orchard end to the Watering-brook, in consideration of the yearly payment of 23*l.*

*The rental of this estate in the year 1686:*

|   | <i>Radford.</i> | <i>L. s. d.</i> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mrs. Mary Hayward, widow, for a messuage and certain closes,</b>   | - - - - -       | 5 0 0           |
| <b>Mr. Ralph Phillips, for Wright's farm, being a messuage, barn, and certain closes, adjoining to Onley's-leyes,</b>                                 | - - - - -       | 11 0 0          |
| <b>Alderman Rogers, for Thistle-field,</b>  | - - - - -       | 3 10 0          |
| <i>Coundon.</i>   |                 |                 |
| <b>John Snell, for Gallow-tree-fields,</b>  | - - - - -       | 14 0 0          |
| <b>Mr. Simon Burton, for a tenement and two closes demised to Henry Sewall,<sup>f</sup> late in the occupation of Isabel Elliots, and John Guest,</b> | - - - - -       | 0 12 0          |
| <i>Kearsley.</i>  |                 |                 |
| <b>Mr. Burton, for part of a close called Long-field,</b>   | - - - - -       | 2 6 0           |
|   | <hr/>           | <hr/>           |
|   | 36 8 0          |                 |
| <i>The</i>  |                 |                 |
| <i>O</i>  |                 |                 |

<sup>d</sup> There was another agreement with Ferryman before this, by which he was bound to repair the causeways out of the rents of this estate, and to pay the city the annual sum of 2*l.* ; for, in the rental of the guilds and chantries, this charge is inserted by Mr. S. Burton—"Richard Ferryman, keeping the causeways in repair, 2*l.* " <sup>e</sup> 2. Whether Onley's-leyes were not from the commencement of Mr. Phillips's lease (if not before) left out of Mrs. Swillington's rental, and continued so to be? <sup>f</sup> For one hundred years from the death of Mrs. Elliots, who was buried at St. Michael's, February 4, 1603. <sup>g</sup> The other part was leased to him in the year 1675, for the term of one thousand years, in consideration of a fine of 2*l.* 16*s.* and the annual rent of a pepper-corn. His order for this lease was made December 3, 1673.

*The late Rental.*

|                                      | <i>Radford.</i>  | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Richard Poole, for land,             | - - - - -        | 13 0 0          |
| W. Townsend,                         | - - - - -        | 9 10 0          |
| Mr. Whadcock,                        | - - - - -        | 5 10 0          |
|                                      | <i>Coundon.</i>  |                 |
| Thomas Whightman, for land,          | - - - - -        | 17 0 0          |
| Benjamin Hill, for a house and land, | - - - - -        | 3 14 0          |
|                                      | <i>Kearsley.</i> |                 |
| John Miller, for land,               | - - - - -        | 2 6 0           |
| Mr. Lant, a chief-rent, b            | - - - - -        | 0 2 0           |
| John Barr, a chief-rent, b           | - - - - -        | 0 2 0           |
|                                      |                  | <hr/>           |
|                                      |                  | 51 4 0          |

*Fines, 1588.*

*£. s. d.*  
Of Mrs. Fenton, for Gallow-tree-fields, - - - - - 6 0 0  
Of H. Gravenor, in part for his fine for the said fields, 3 0 0

*Q. What other fines have been taken?*

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Mr. JOSEPH SYNCOX, of the parish of Stoneleigh, in the county of Warwick, designed that the messuage called the White-Bear, in this city, should be charged with the payment of an annual rent, for the use of some poor persons in this city; but was prevented by death from executing his design. However, by indenture tripartite, June 2, 1705, between T. Davel, of Stoke-Golding, and Sarah his wife (one of the co-heirs of the said Joseph Syncox) & al. of the first part, Thomas Davel, of Mount-Sorrel, of the second part, and the Mayor, B. and C. of the third part, it is covenanted and agreed, that an annuity or yearly rent-charge of 6l. to be issuing out of two third parts, and two third parts of a third part of the messuage aforesaid, shall be yearly paid on the twenty-first

<sup>b</sup> These do not belong to Mr. Swillington's estate; but are rents out of lands in Fletchamstead, in the parish of Stoneleigh.

twenty-first of December, at one payment without any deduction, to Samuel Collins and Mary his wife, and to the survivor of them, and afterwards to the Mayor, B. and C. for ever,—upon trust, that they shall yearly dispose and employ the said annuity in putting out apprentices two poor boys, children of the inhabitants of this city—6*l.*

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Mr. SAMUEL SMITH, of this city, gives, January 30, 1724, Ex Regr. Cur. Prærog. Cant. the rest of his estate over and above certain legacies and payments, and also his messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, after his wife's decease, and 500*l.* of the 2000*l.* which is to come back, according to marriage articles, after her decease, and to be disposed of by his will, to Mr. Jonathan Grundy and Mr. Stephen Smith, his executors, and to their heirs, executors, and assigns, in trust for charitable uses: and orders and appoints, that, from time to time, as his estate, which has been out upon annuities or otherwise, shall come in, the same shall be put out at interest by the said executors, until the yearly rents and profits by interest, over and above what will be going out, shall amount to 50*l.* per annum at the least; and when that shall be the produce or increase thereof, he appoints 50*l.* per annum to be distributed among ten poor housekeepers, *viz.* men or widows inhabiting in this city, having one or more children, 8*s. 4d.* a month, for one year, to be paid on the first day of each calendar month. That the same persons, after two years from the time they have had the same, continuing qualified as before-said, shall be capable of having the same again; but none to have it 2 years together, except in extraordinary cases, the whole number of trustees agreeing thereto; and in no year above three housekeepers, who have had the same in

the next precedent year, shall have it again. That when the exceeding of the yearly rent and produce of his estate, over and above the said 50*l.* per annum, shall be sufficient to pay for twenty tons of coals, *viz.* 10*l.* per annum, such coals shall be bought and distributed equally to twenty poor families inhabiting in this city, between the first of November and the second of February in every year, for ever. That when all his estate shall be come in, twenty bibles, of not more than 4*s.* nor less than 3*s.* 6*d.* price for each bible, to be distributed yearly, on the twenty-fifth or twenty-sixth of March, to twenty poor persons, *viz.* to sixteen young men or young women in this city, who can read, and are at the age of sixteen years or upwards, and not above twenty years old; and to four such like young men and young women, of the parish of Bedworth in the county of Warwick. And that, on the same day every year, 40*l.* be given to twenty poor families in this city; *viz.* 40*s.* to each family: provided nevertheless, that where single persons, without families, shall appear to his trustees to be great objects of charity, such single persons (not exceeding the number of ten in any one year) shall be capable of having the said gift, according to the discretion of his trustees. He appoints to be trustees for the management of the said charity, the Reverend John Warren, Mr. Henry Inge, Mr. Stephen Smith, Mr. Abraham Owen, Mr. Joseph Cater, Mr. John Bromley, Mr. James Boydall, Mr. Julius Olds, Mr. Joseph Eburn, junior, Mr. Edward Smith, apothecary, Mr. Benjamin Brockhurst, junior, and Mr. Richard Gibbs; and orders, that his real estate, after his wife's decease, shall be transferred and vested in such of them as shall be then living, their heirs and assigns. That when the trustees shall be reduced to the number of seven, two other fit persons, inhabiting in this city, shall be chosen in the rooms of the two last

last that died, by the surviving trustees, or the major part of them, within two months after the decease of the trustee who died last of these two. That when at any time the trustees, in whom the real estate shall be vested, are reduced to three, the three trustees who survive, and are so vested, shall, by feoffment or otherwise, convey the premises in such manner, as to vest the freehold and inheritance thereof in the whole number of trustees, their heirs and assigns, in trust for the maintenance of the charities aforesaid. That so often as the number of persons, in whom the legal estate of the premises shall be vested, shall be by death reduced to three, as aforesaid, such three trustees, for the time being, shall make such like feoffment or assurance as aforesaid, that so the said charities and yearly sums may be maintained and paid yearly for ever. That 3*l.* per annum be laid out in collations and entertainments for the trustees. That 5*l.* per annum be allowed for drawing, entering, and keeping the accounts of the trust estate and charities, and incidental matters thereunto belonging. That one of the trustees be the accomptant, and have the said 5*l.* for his year. That no trustee shall be the accomptant for more than one year at a time, and that the trustees be accomptants in the order he has placed them, every one for his year, beginning with the first named; such as shall happen to be new chosen as aforesaid, taking their respective places and turns. That trustees, who remove their habitations out of this city and county of the same, shall not be accomptants, nor have the salary appointed. That a strong box be provided, for the safe keeping of the writings of his estate, and the cash, and all papers and writings belonging thereto, and to the said trust and charity; and that the same be secured and kept under three locks: the key of one to be kept by the accomptant for the time being,

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of another by him that was accomptant the year before, and the third by him who is to keep the account the next subsequent year. That no money whatsoever, belonging to this estate, and devoted as aforesaid, shall, upon any occasion whatsoever, be diverted or applied to any other use. That when any sum or sums of money shall be received, the same shall always be put into the said box through a till to be made therein for that purpose (unless the three trustees who have the keys be present to open the same) and there remain, till it be paid out directly for the uses aforesaid. That, at every meeting of the trustees, the money in the box be inspected. That if there be a deficiency in his estate to answer all the charities and payments appointed as aforesaid, the loss shall fall upon such of the said charities from time to time, as the trustees shall think most proper. That if there shall be an increase, it shall go in augmentation of such of them as the trustees shall think fit, from time to time: and, that what other money shall be to spare, above what will answer the specific charities aforesaid, shall be invested in purchases of lands, &c. It being his desire and intention, that the fund for the said charities and payments be in yearly rents, as soon as may be after his wife's decease.

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Mr. JOHN TALANTS, of this city, goldsmith, gives by will, November 18, 1563, Ex Regr. Cur. Praerog. Cant. (besides the loan-money already mentioned) to the Church-wardens of Trinity, his house in Foleshill, for three sermons to be procured yearly, two at Trinity, and one at St. Michael's; for every sermon 6s. 8d. *Item*, a tenement of four marks by the year, in Fletchamstead, in the parish of Stonleigh, in the tenure of one Wright, for the finding the poor children in Bablake; to be assured to them by

by his executor, in due form of law. *Item*, to the towns of Woolston and Marston, twenty nobles, to be lent from three years to three years; *4l.* for three years to four husbandmen, and four marks for three years to four cottagers—*2l. 13s. 4d.*

The city received, June 4, 1662, of Richard Bolt and Robert Stone, the sum of *130l.* for the purchase of grounds in Fletchamstead, demised to Julius Herring, and late in the occupation of Mr. Joseph Troughton, at the annual rent of *3l.*

And the city received likewise, June 30, 1662, of Richard Bolt, for a rent issuing out of Wright's farm, in Fletchamstead, of *4s.* per annum, the sum of *4l.* for twenty years.

This rent of *4s.* per annum is, by mistake, charged in Mrs. Swillington's rental, upon Mr. Lant and John Barr. It was formerly paid by Mr. R. Herring, and afterwards by Mrs. Elizabeth Troughton and H. Campion.

*Q. Whether any and what rent is now paid from this estate to the poor boys in Bablake?*

By indenture, April 28, 15 James I. between John Herring, mercer, &c. of the one part, and the Mayor, &c. of the other part, an assurance was made of *4l.* per annum to Bablake, out of a farm at Fletchamstead.

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Mrs. MARY TURNER, gave by will, to the children of Bablake, *10l.*

December 14, 1608, the city received this money of Mr. Humphrey Whitwick, and February 7, 1609, Mr. Page, to whom it was put out, paid the city for interest, *1l.*

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Mr. ISAAC WALDEN, of this city, alderman, gives by will, April 6, 1632, to the Mayor, B. and C. *140l.* to be laid out in a purchase of lands; to the intent

Intent that, out of the rent, issues, and profits thereof, the Mayor and C——c—I shall yearly, for ever, pay unto a sufficient preacher, 30s. for three sermons, to be preached in this city; one on All-saints-day in the afternoon, another on the seventeenth of November, and the third on New-year's-eve. To the Bell-ringer, 1s. The surplusage thereof for placing apprentices poor children of Bablake hospital. If the sermons be not preached, he gives the whole rents, &c. to the uses of the poor children as aforesaid.—This Mr. Walden gave 20*l.* for plate, for the Communion-table of St. Michael's.

Q. *Whether these 140*l.* were, according to the directions in the will, laid out in a purchase; and, if they were, what is the yearly value of the same? In the rental of Bablake-boys' estate, there is only 7*l.* per annum charged for Mr. Walden's gift.*

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Mr. THOMAS WALE, of London, mercer, gives by will, April 19, 1625, probat in Cur. Prærog. Cant. to the Mayor, B. and C. of this city; all his manor of Anglesey, in the county of Cambridge, with all the right, &c. thereunto belonging, and all other his lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents, reversions, &c. in Wilbram Parva and Wilbram Magna, and elsewhere in the said county. *Item*; he gives to the said Mayor, &c. all his lands, tenements, &c. in Norton juxta Twycross, in the county of Leicester, and his messuage, with the barns, stables, close, &c. in Brinklow, in the county of Warwick, upon condition that the said Mayor, &c. for ever, bestow the rents, issues, and profits of the premises, in manner and form following:

£. s. d.

To a school-master to teach grammar in the school house in Monks-Kirby, in the county of Warwick, 20 0 0  
To an usher to teach grammar in the said school, - 10 0 0

He

He orders that the children of the inhabitants of Monk's-Kirby, Stretton, and Brinklow, in the said county, be taught *gratis*.—That the Mayor and Aldermen, upon every vacancy, appoint a Master; and that the Usher be chose by the Master, with the approbation of the Mayor and Aldermen. By a codicil to his will he orders, that the said Mayor and Aldermen shall pay, for ever, out of the rents and profits of the premises, to the Church-wardens and Overseers of Brinklow aforesaid, 40*s.* per annum, to be distributed among the poor of that parish: and that the residue of the rents and profits of all the premises (after all charges necessarily expended) be given yearly, by the said Mayor and Aldermen, for and towards the relief of the poor of this city for ever.

The lands in Anglesey and Wilbram were conveyed to the Mayor, B. and C. August 3, 1626, by Sarah Wall, widow.—The first receipts are entered in the following manner:

April 21, 1626, Received of J. Symonds, of Little Wilbram, in the county of Cambridge, half a year's rent of Mr. Wale's land—10*l.*

April 26, 1626, Received of Thomas Green, of Bilston, in the county of Leicester, 13*l.* for a whole year's rent of Mr. Wale's land. The said Green paid the other 13*l.* to Mr. Thomas Hall, of London, the surviving executor of Mr. Wale. The whole rent is 26*l.* for Norton grounds; but the one half is due to the executor.

Q. *How one half of the rent could be due to the executor; all Mr. Wale's lands, tenements, &c. at Norton being given to the Mayor, &c.?*

The next year after, we meet with the following entry:—Paid to Mr. Thomas Hall, the surviving executor of Mr. Wale, for a year's rent due to Mr. Smith, of Tewkesbury, for his moiety of Norton grounds, 15*l.*—The whole year's rent therefore, received by the city from the estate at Norton, was 30*l.*

The land at Norton, according to the survey taken in 1630, was 51 A. 36 P.

*The Rental in 1685.*

*£. s. d.*

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| Edward Pratt, of Little Wilbram, for a year's rent of the demesne lands of the manor of Wilbram, besides taxes, <sup>a</sup> | 23 0 0 |
| And for a year's quit-rent of that manor,  | 7 6 8  |
| John Green, of Norton-juxta-Twycross, for a farm there in his occupation, <sup>b</sup>                                       | 10 0 0 |
| David Cotton, for a messuage with the appurtenances in Brinklow, <sup>c</sup>  | 2 0 0  |
|  | <hr/>  |
|  | 42 6 8 |
| Payments to the Master, Usher, and poor of Brinklow,   | 32 0 0 |
|  | <hr/>  |
| Remains, for the poor of this city,  | 10 6 8 |

There was something, heretofore, annually given to the poor of this city, out of Mr. Wale's charity: for, March 7, 1659, the Wardens were ordered to bring in 1*l.* every Ash-Wednesday, to make up 6*s.* 8*d.* for every ward; out of Mr. Wale's gift—3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—And we find that, on St. Thomas's-day, from 1652 to 1688, there were paid out of this gift,

|  | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|--|-----------------|
| To one poor man,                       | 1 0 0           |
| To two poor widows, 10 <i>s.</i> each, | 1 0 0           |
|  | <hr/>           |
|  | 2 0 0           |

But, in 1708, the City Bailiff paid, of this gift, only 1*l.*

*The late Rental.*

| <i>Wilbram.</i>       | <i>£. s. d.</i> | <i>Norton.</i>  | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Joseph Long, -        | 11 10 0         | John Green, -   | 10 0 0          |
| Mr. Merrington, 4 0 0 |                 | Brinklow.       |                 |
| Mr. Merrington, 0 1 2 |                 | David Cotton, - | 2 0 0           |
| Mr. Pratt, - - 13 6 8 |                 |                 | <hr/>           |
|                       |                 |                 | 40 17 10        |

Mrs. SARAH

a It appears, by the grant made October 22, 1673, that Pratt was to pay all taxes, and gather the quit-rents *gratis*. He likewise, on the said October 22, paid the city 5*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* towards the charge of bringing the rents from Wilbram. N.B. The city did not then spend near 20*l.* at Stourbridge fair, in keeping court and collecting the rents. b By the grant made him, March 21, 1682, it appears that he was to pay 30*l.* for a fine: but Q. How the rent came to be sunk from 30*l.* to 10*l.*? c He paid a fine of 5*l.* to the city, February 22, 1670.

Mrs. SARAH WARD, of London, widow, gives by will, June 5, 1662, In Prærog. Cur. Cant. to the Mayor, B. and C. of this city, the sum of 100*l.* upon trust and confidence that they shall, on New-year's-day yearly, for ever, distribute 6*l.* as the gift of Sarah Ward, for or towards the enlargement of poor prisoners out of Coventry gaol, and the counters of London, alternately;—such prisoners as are cast in for debt, and have lain one month in prison, and have not wherewithal to pay their debts, every other year—6*l.*

This benefaction was to be disposed of by the consent of Alderman Robert Bedford, her sole executor; but the city suffered the said 100*l.* to continue in his hands till he became a bankrupt. By order of C—c—l, January 14, 1673, it was agreed, “That Mr. R. Bedford should be sent to, to pay in “the 100*l.* given by Mrs. Ward, deceased, for the “relief of poor prisoners.” And, in 1681, the city purchased Mr. Bedford's houses, &c. for 680*l.* of the commissioners of bankrupt; of which they sold to the value of 586*l.*: and, for the remainder of the purchase money, *viz.* 94*l.* had the following lands and tene- ments to their own use:

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| A messuage, now two tenements and gardens in Much Park-street, late Mr. T. Robinson's | 3 10 0   |
| Grounds without Gosford-gate, in Ann Eade's tenure,                                   | 2 0 0    |
| A close to W. Townsend,   | 0 13 4   |
| Eight little tenements and gardens without Gosford-gate,                              | 4 0 0    |
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|   | 10 13 4  |

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Mr. WILLIAM WHEAT, gives by will, Ja-  
nuary 27, 1615, to the Church-wardens of St. Mi-  
chael's, the sum of 10*l.* to be employed in repairing  
the church, or upon other necessaries, at the discre-  
tion of the Vicar and the parishioners: the Church-  
wardens,

wardens, from time to time, to be accountable for the same, as for other goods pertaining to the Church. *Item*, one yearly rent of  $6l. 13s. 4d.$ <sup>a</sup> to Edward Stapleton and other trustees, out of three meadows near Bastill-gate, within the liberties of Coventry;  $6l.$  thereof to two poor scholars (preference being given to any of his kindred)  $3l.$  each towards their maintenance at the University, for the space of the first four years; to be chose out of the Grammar-school of this city, by the Mayor, four Justices, the two Vicars,<sup>b</sup> such of the trustees as shall dwell in or near this city, and the Head Master of the said school. The residue,  $13s. 4d.$  to the person appointed to be keeper of the library belonging to the said school. To be paid at the feasts of St. Michael, the Nativity, the Annunciation, and St. John.—*Item*, to the Mayor and his Brethren of the Council-house, the sum of  $80l.$  to be laid out by them in a purchase of lands, &c. the rents, issues, and profits whereof are yearly to be divided into four parts. One part to the Minister that shall yearly be procured by the said Mayor, &c. to preach at Bablake church; one other part equally among the poor alms-men of Bablake; one other part for the renewing the poor children's bedding at Bablake; and the fourth part equally among the poor of the hospital in Grey-Friars-lane. *Item*,  $40l.$  to the said Mayor and Brethren, to be lent freely by them, upon good security, to such person or persons as shall be appointed to be Master or Masters of Bridewell, in this city, to set such poor on work as shall be committed to his or their charge.

These  $80l.$  were paid to the city by Mr. Harwell, executor to Mr. Wheat, October 31, 1618, and were put out to one Mr. Miles, at the annual interest of  $6l.$

<sup>a</sup> Which was assured to H. Smith, Mayor, & al. by Richard Baylie, D.D. September 20, 1647. <sup>b</sup> Q. How long is it since the Vicars and Head Master were last called to the election?

6l. till January 14, 1623, when they were paid in to the city by the said Mr. Miles. At the same time were paid, the 40l. above-mentioned.

Mr. H. Burton says, the tithes of Kearsley were purchased by the city, to discharge the uses of these 80l.; and refers to the city's old day-book, folio 107.

We have before observed, that Mr. B. makes these tithes chargeable with the payment of Mr. Gayer's and Mr. Stone's benefactions; and therefore it will not be improper, in this place, to consider how well the circumstances of these Charities and the said tithes agree.

|  | £. s. d. |
|--|----------|
| In 1622 were paid to the city, Mr. Stone's | 50 0 0   |
| 1623 - - - - - Mr. Wheat's                 | 80 0 0   |
| 1626 - - - - - Mr. Gayer's                 | 133 6 8  |

The whole of these Charities, 263 6 8

And, in 1630, John Thomas, brewer, and Joan his wife, conveyed all the tithes of Kearsley to H. Million, Mayor, John Pixley, Alderman, & al. in consideration of the sum of 250l.<sup>e</sup>

In 1630, the annual payments were as follows;

|                            | £. s. d. |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Mr. Stone's Charity, about | 3 6 8    |
| Mr. Wheat's, - - - - -     | 6 0 0    |
| Mr. Gayer's, - - - - -     | 9 0 0    |

In all, 18 6 8

And, in 1630, Kearsley tithes were let to Robert Smith and William Herbert, for the clear yearly rent of 18l.

Kearsley tithes were let (as we are informed) in 1733, at the yearly rent of 45l.; and, therefore, Mr. Wheat's benefaction of 80l. which ought to be advanced in proportion to the advance of those tithes, will stand thus;

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<sup>e</sup> The interest of the 250l. before it was paid, came to 25l. 12s.; so that the whole payment was 275l. 12s.

|   | £. s. d.   |
|---|------------|
| To the Minister of Bablake, - -         | 3 12 0     |
| To the poor men of Bablake, - -         | 8 12 0     |
| To the poor children of Bablake, -      | 3 12 0     |
| To the poor of Grey-Friars' hospital, 3 | <hr/> 12 0 |
| In all,                                 | 14 8 0     |

In 1622, the city paid, to — Wood, of Bride-well, according to the mind of Mr. Wheat to set poor children on work—20*l.*

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Mr. THOMAS WHEATLY, by indenture above-mentioned, in the account of Bablake-boys' hospital, April 7, 5 Elizabeth, directs, that the Mayor, &c. shall yearly give, out of the rents, &c. of his lands and tenements, betwixt the first of December and the twenty-fourth of the same, as follows:

|   | £. s. d.         |
|---|------------------|
| To twelve men of this city, householders, 30 <i>s.</i> each,    | 18 0 0           |
| To twelve widows of this city, householders, 10 <i>s.</i> each, | 6 0 0            |
| To four poor men of Warwick, householders, 10 <i>s.</i> each,   | 2 0 0            |
| Ditto      Rugby,   | ditto      2 0 0 |
| Ditto      Henley-in-Arden,                                     | ditto      2 0 0 |
| Ditto      Tamworth,  | ditto      2 0 0 |
| Ditto      Solihull,  | ditto      2 0 0 |
| Ditto      Nuneaton,  | ditto      2 0 0 |
|   | <hr/> 36 0 0     |

December 14, 1614, the city paid out of the treasury, to make up Mr. Wheatly's money to poor men and widows, 27*l.*—The poor men and widows were formerly partakers of this Charity.

Mr.

<sup>a</sup> The indenture tripartite between R. Over & al. of the first part, Thomas Wheatly of the second part, and the Mayor, &c. of the third part, sets forth, that the said Thomas Wheatly, by indenture tripartite bearing equal date, had made over in fee-simple, to R. Over & al. his manor, capital messuage, and all other his lands in Little Packington, in the county of Warwick; and also, all his lands, tenements, gardens, closes, &c. in the city and county of Coventry, in trust, that they shall convey to him for forty-one years, if he so long live; and, afterwards, shall give the rents, issues, &c. to the Mayor, B, and C, for them to give to twelve poor men, &c. and the residue among the poor that be brought up in the house called Bablake.

Mr. THOMAS WHITE, afterwards Sir Thomas White, citizen and merchant of London, 34 H. VIII. gave, to the Mayor, B. and C. of this city, 1400*l.*<sup>a</sup> to be laid out in a purchase of lands, &c. for the relief and preferment of the commonwealth of the said city; and accordingly the Mayor, &c. purchased with the same of King Henry VIII. July 19, 1542, (as appears by his grant dated at Walden) lands, &c.<sup>b</sup> parcel of the late dissolved Priory of this city, for the sum of 1378*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*; the annual rent of 7*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* being reserved to the said King, his heirs and successors.

Afterwards, there was an indenture made and executed, July 6, 5 E. VI. 1551, between the Mayor, &c. of the one part, and the Master and Wardens of the Merchant Taylors in the city of London, of the other part, reciting, that the Mayor, &c. did purchase, of K. H. VIII. lands, &c. of the clear yearly value of about 70*l.* (as appears by a schedule annexed) by the only procurement, aid, and help of Thomas White, Merchant Taylor, of London; who, to relieve and prefer the commonwealth of the city of Coventry, then in great ruin and decay, gave to the said Mayor, &c. the sum of 1400*l.* In consideration thereof, and at the request and mediation of

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a. It has often been said, that this city were joint purchasers; and that Mr. H. Over, who negotiated this affair, received monies for the purchase in the following manner:

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| Of Mr. Thomas White, - - - - -                            | 1000 0 0 |
| Out of the common box, - - - - -                          | 20 0 0   |
| By a gold ring, - - - - -                                 | 5 8 0    |
| By the city goods, in his and Mr. Warren's hands, 400 0 0 |          |
|   | 1425 8 0 |

It is probable that Mr. White's first payment might be no more than 1000*l.* and that the city advanced the rest for the purchase; but, that they did receive of Mr. White the sum of 1400*l.* for this purchase, is undeniably evident from their own setting forth; as well in their indenture with the Merchant Taylors, as in their bill filed in 1721 against the new trustees, &c.

b. It should seem that the tithes passed with the lands: *vide stat. 31 H. VIII. ch. 13.* And Mr. E. Owen says, the tithes of these lands are part of the gift, and were worth 40*l.* per annum in 1692. 2. Whether the tithes of the said lands, or any part thereof, have been applied to the uses of this Charity?

certain friends of the said Mr. White, the said Mayor, &c. do covenant and agree with the said Master, Wardens, &c. that they the said Mayor, &c. and their successors, shall, for ever, after the decease of the said Mr. White, yearly distribute and deliver, of the rents, issues, and profits of the said lands, &c. the sum of 70*l.* in manner and form following:

To twelve poor men, inhabitants of this city, being householders and no common beggars, in free alms, on the tenth of March, or within six days after the same, the sum of 24*l.*; to each, 40*s.*—24*l.*

Provided, that they of the said poor men which shall have had the said alms one year, shall not be admitted thereunto again within five years next following, unless it shall be as charitable to help them as to help any other persons. That the said Mayor, &c. shall, after one full year, determined next after the decease of the said Thomas White, yearly upon the tenth of March, or within three months after, pay and deliver, by way of free loan, during the space of ten years, of the yearly rents, &c. of the said lands, &c. the sum of 40*l.* to four young men of good name and thrift, who have been apprentices in Coventry; to each, 10*l.* to have the occupation thereof for nine years, putting in bond and security for the repayment of the same, after the nine years are expired. That the said Mayor, &c. after the return and repayment of such sums as shall have, in the space of ten years, been delivered by them in loan as aforesaid, shall pay the same to other young men in like manner and form, from nine years to nine years for ever. That

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<sup>c</sup> He died February 11, 1566, anno ~~etatis~~ 72; so that he lived twenty-four years after the purchase was made: but how the rents and profits of the lands were applied, during his life, does not appear to us. It is probable that some part of them, *viz.* 24*l.* per annum, were given in alms to the poor: for, on the fifteenth of November, 1566, the city paid Mr. W. by the hands of Thomas Brain, merchant, of London, the sum of 4*l.* for one year's rent of certain lands about Coventry; and Mr. W. signed and sealed an aquittance for the same.

the said Mayor, &c. after the end of the said ten years, shall, during the space of thirty years, deliver and pay the sum of  $40l.$  coming and growing as aforesaid, to two other young men of Coventry, of good name and condition; to each,  $20l.$  to have the occupation thereof for the term of nine years, finding sureties as aforesaid for the repayment of the same. That the said Mayor, &c. shall, after the repayment of the said several sums, deliver out the same to two other young men, in like manner as is before expressed, for ever. That the said Mayor, &c. shall, after the above-nominated thirty years are expired, pay and deliver, in free loan, the sum of  $40l.$  due and growing of the premises, in the first year after the said thirty years, to one several young man of Coventry, of good name and condition, to have the same for nine years, upon security as aforesaid; and, after repayment thereof, to another young man, &c. and so, from nine years to nine years, for ever. That the said Mayor shall, in the second year next ensuing the term of the thirty years aforesaid, deliver, or cause to be delivered, the sum of  $40l.$  which shall be due and growing of the premises, to the Mayor, B. and C. of Northampton, to be by them immediately delivered, by equal portions, to four young men, inhabitants of the said town, &c. to have the occupation of the same for the term of nine years, finding security as aforesaid.

The third }  
The fourth } year,  $40l.$  to } Leicester;  
The fifth } } Nottingham;  
 } Warwick;

To be disposed of in those towns respectively, in like manner and form as aforesaid. That after the five years after the above-said thirty are expired, the said Mayor, &c. of Coventry, shall, in the sixth year, deliver the sum of  $40l.$  arising as before, to one several young man of the said city, from nine years to nine

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years, and so circularly to the other towns for ever. That the 40*l.* to be given to the other four towns, shall, for one hundred years, be disposed of to four men in each town; and, after the end of those one hundred years, to one man from nine years to nine years for ever. That the money shall be delivered without charge. That the four towns shall give security to the city of Coventry, to deliver out the money as aforesaid. That the said Mayor, &c. shall, evermore, after the decease of the said Thomas White, yearly, at the feast of St. Bartholomew, or within twenty days after, pay to the said Master and Wardens, &c. at their hall, 20*s.* for their labour. That the monies lent shall be repayed within one month after the nine years are expired, or within one month after the death of any person to whom it has been delivered. That the twelve poor men shall be yearly chosen by the Mayor, Aldermen, and residue of the Council of the said city. That the Mayor, Recorder, &c. and ten Aldermen of the said city, shall have 6*s. 8d.* a-piece, and the Clerk 20*s.*<sup>d</sup> for making the bonds. That the said Mayor, &c. for neglect of performing these conditions and payments, shall pay to the said Master and Wardens, &c. the first year 20*l.* for the second year 30*l.* &c. to be raised by distress of the said lands, &c.

According to the tenor of this indenture, 70*l.* per annum out of this charitable benefaction was disposed of for near one hundred and thirty years; and this city quietly enjoyed the surplus of the said estate, as their own right and property, till about the year 1692, when the members of the Corporation differing among themselves about the division of the said surplus, &c. Mr. S. Troughton, Bailiff of the said estate, and Mr. E. Owen (who, January 13, 1691, had been dismissed from his office of Clerk of the Council-

<sup>d</sup> Nothing ought to be paid by the freemen for making and writing the bonds.

Council-house) made discoveries to the other Corporations who are concerned in this charity, of the improved value of the said estate, of the city's leasing to one another at low rents, and of the many large fines that from time to time had been taken.

Hereupon the other Corporation filed an information in the Court of Chancery, in Hilary term, 1695, in order to obtain an account of the surplus profits, and an augmentation of their respective charities: but this information, upon hearing before the Lord Keeper, assisted by three Judges, was dismissed, January 13, 1700.

Afterwards, upon an appeal by the plaintiffs to the House of Lords, the said dismission was reversed. And it was ordered, February 19, 1702, that the Court of Chancery should give such relief on the information as should be just; the House declaring it to be their opinion, that the increase of the value of the lands in question, ought to be applied towards the augmentation of the several charities and appointments.

Whereupon the Court of Chancery decreed, June 12, 1703, that the full improved value of the said estate should be applied according to the order of the House of Lords; and directions were given for ascertaining the yearly value, and further directions reserved till the Master had made his report.

The Master certified the clear yearly value to be  $612l. 12s. 2d.$ <sup>e</sup> July 9, 1705, and that the fines taken on granting leases amounted to  $750l.$ : but, it being discovered that the estate was of greater yearly value, an order was made, June 10, 1708, for the Master to review his report; and the Master, in his further report, July 9, 1709, certified the clear yearly value to be  $988l. 13s. 10d.$  Exceptions were taken and argued, and the sum was reduced about  $40l.$

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<sup>e</sup> Besides the  $70l.$  per annum, and the yearly rent to the King of  $7l. 13s. 2d.$

It was decreed, October 14, 1709, that the Corporation should account for what they had received since the said order of the House of Lords; and a receiver of the rents of the said estate was appointed.

The Master reported, that  $2241l. 1s. 3d.$  were due from the Corporation.

While these proceedings were carrying on, the Corporation received the profits of the estate; but, instead of applying the same to the augmentation of the charities, according to the said order of the House of Lords, they entered into a private treaty at Lutterworth with the other four Corporations, and under pretence of paying them costs of suit (though none were decreed or reserved) agreed to pay the said Corporations, and the Masters and Wardens, &c. the sum of  $825l.$  and, from March 10, 1709,  $60l.$  per annum to Coventry and the other Corporations.

This agreement being discovered, and also that the Corporation had made contracts for leases of parcels of the said estate, to their own members, their sons, and their friends, for large fines, for long terms of years, and at small reserved rents; <sup>f</sup> the Court recommended to the Attorney General to bring another information in behalf of the inhabitants, as paupers, to set aside the said agreement and enforce the former decree.

Accordingly such an information was exhibited, Michaelmas term, 1709, to set aside the said agreement, and to have the trust transferred.

On the hearing of which cause the Court declared, February 27, 1710, the Lutterworth agreement to be very vile and corrupt, and entered into with an intent to evade the order of the House of Lords, and decreed that the same should be set aside, and that the Corporation should pay costs out of their own pockets.

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<sup>f</sup> 2. Whether they do not now grant such leases?

At the same time the former cause standing to be heard on the Master's report aforesaid, for further directions as to the  $224l. 1s. 3d.$  the Corporation were ordered to bring the same before the Master in three months; and, in the mean time, the consideration of transferring the trust was suspended.

It was likewise ordered, that the Master should take an account of the money in the Receiver's hands; and that the same should be applied, with the money in the Master's hands, according to the order of the House of Lords. That the  $24l.$  which were, by the original appointment, yearly to be disposed of to twelve poor men, being increased to  $243l. 3s.$  the same shall be disposed of to sixty-one poor men;  $4l.$  a-piece to sixty, and  $3l. 3s.$  to the odd man. And that  $405l. 4s. 2d.$  being loan-money, should be lent to eight men, to each  $50l.$ ; and the odd,  $5l. 4s. 2d.$  should be kept in bank.<sup>h</sup>

Five months after, July 17, 1711, the cause came on again, and the Court enlarged the time for three months longer; withal declaring, that, if the Corporation did not then bring the money, it would be reasonable to transfer the trust, as well on account of their disability, as for their misbehaviour.

Afterwards, December 4 and 12, 1711, the Corporation was indulged with more time, for the payment of the said money; but, either being unable to pay the same, or obstinately refusing so to do, the cause was finally heard, March 4, 1712; and the Court decreed,—that the trust should be transferred to the Honourable W. Bromley, Esq. & al.—that the new trustees should act therein as the Corporation, by deed of appointment, were to have done,—that the several  $6s. 8d.$  payable to the Mayor, &c. and the  $20s.$  payable to the Town Clerk, should, as the same were or should be augmented, be applied in

<sup>h</sup> The estate must then bring in, clear of all deductions, the annual sum of  $709l. 2s. 11d.$

in defraying the charges which the new trustees should be at in managing the said charity,—and, that the surplus (if any) should be applied towards increasing the fund for the charity to be distributed in Coventry.

After which, May 22, 1712, a sequestration was issued against the Corporation, for the non-payment of the 224*l. 1s. 3d.* under which sequestration they continued about seven years, without paying any interest for the said money; during which time no more was raised by the sequestrators out of the Corporation estate (upwards of 700*l.* per ann.) than 284*l. 4s. 2d.* towards the payment of the said 224*l. 1s. 3d.*

Whereupon, July 22, 1718, the Corporation applied to the Court; and, several affidavits being read, it was ordered that the said sequestration should be suspended; and the Corporation, by selling several estates in fee-farm, raised the whole money; and, having brought the same before the Master, July 13, 1720, applied to the Court and procured a discharge of the said sequestration.

After this, the Corporation appealed to the House of Lords, March 10 and 11, 1721, praying that the decree of March, 1711, might be reversed, and the trust estate re-conveyed to them; and, upon hearing the said appeal, the Lords ordered,—that the said decree should be affirmed, without prejudice to the appellants applying to the Court of Chancery, according to the course thereof, for a re-conveyance of the trust estate.

Upon this, the Corporation immediately preferred a petition to the Court, for a re-conveyance of the said estate; and obtained an order for all parties to attend on the fourth of April: but another petition being preferred by the Merchant Taylors, &c. setting forth the irregularity of the Corporation's petition, and praying that the same might be discharged, it was ordered by the Court, May 28, 1721, that the Corporation

Corporation should be at liberty to bring a bill to the effect of their said petition. Accordingly such a bill was brought, October 24, 25, and 26, 1722; and, answers being put in by the new trustees, &c. the cause came on to be heard.

And the Lord Chancellor declaring, that it appearing to his Lordship, that the said deed of Edward VI. did not only provide for the charity, but also for the public good of the city of Coventry, by lodging the management of the charity in the Magistrates, and thereby strengthening the government thereof,—that, by the order of the House of Lords, the appointments to the Magistrates were to be encreased, as well as those of the charities,—and that the Corporation had raised the 224*l. 1s. 3d.* without running into debt, or lessening their yearly revenue, and were then of such ability, that they might be safely trusted with the receipt of the profits of the charity estate, and the distribution thereof,—Ordered and decreed, December 20, 10 G. I. that the new trustees should execute a re-conveyance of the charity estate, to the Mayor, B. and C. of the city of Coventry,—that the proportion of the profits, ascertained by the Master's report, December 13, 1710, to belong to the alms and loans, &c. should be respectively applied, as by the decree thereupon made (February 27, 1710) is appointed,—that the Master should take an account of all the securities for loan-money since the decree for transferring the trust, and of all others, and deliver the same to the Corporation, and likewise the books, papers, &c. belonging and relating to the trust estate,—that all future securities, and likewise the books, papers, &c. (except the books concerning which other directions are given) should be kept in a chest prepared for that purpose, under three different locks; the key of one to be kept by the Mayor, another by the senior Alderman (not being Mayor), and the third

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by the Clerk of the Council-house,—that when any lease is to be made of the said charity lands, notice should be given by the city Crier going round the town for that purpose, and also by writings fixed in the most public and usual places,—that there should be, from time to time, two books kept; one by the Corporation, the other in the vestry of St. Michael's church; and therein be entered copies of the schedules of the securities, and other books, papers, &c. to be delivered as aforesaid, and the names and places of abode of the several persons, and their sureties, receiving any part of the charity or the loan-money: and that two other books be kept, in like manner, wherein shall be entered an abstract of the several leases now in being, or that shall hereafter be granted, expressing the parcels, the name and abode of the lessee,—that the books, so directed to remain in the said vestry, should be kept in a chest, under three different locks; the key of one to be kept by the Vicar, another by the Church-wardens, and the third by the Overseers for the time being,—and that any of the parties, or of the inhabitants of the city of Coventry, or of the towns of Northampton, &c. should be at liberty, from time to time, to resort to the Court, for such further order as occasion shall require.

*The Rental of Mr. Thomas White's lands, &c. annexed to the indenture aforesaid.*

|  | Coventry.  | £. s. d. |
|--|------------|----------|
| A pasture called the Prior's Orchard, whereof one parcel is called the Great Orchard and the other the Little Orchard, with two pools in the same, lying under the wall of the city of Coventry, on the North side, in the holding of H. Over,   | - 4 14 4   |          |
| Item, Two cottages on the Spon Causeway, with two gardens there, and certain pastures called the Windmill-hill-field, and a close lying without the Spon-end, on the South side the street there, with another close lying at Somerland's-Butts, and one other close called Barker's-leyes, lying beside Radford, in the holding of Guy Speke, | - - 3 10 0 |          |
|  | Item, Two  |          |

£. s. d.

*Item*, Two messuages set at the Spon-end, and seven closes or pastures, in the holding of Thomas White, of Bristol, - - - - - 5 13 4

*Item*, The scite of the late house of Grey-Friars', with the church-yard and orchard belonging to the same, in the holding of Thomas Downes, - - 1 1 4

*Coundon.*

*Item*, A rent of assize going out of certain lands of H. Over, - - - - - 2 0 0

*Item*, A rent of assize going out of certain lands there of John Sewel, - - - - - 0 8 8

*Item*, A rent of assize going out of certain lands of John Gramp, - - - - - 0 2 8

*Item*, A rent of assize going out of certain lands there of William Starkey, - - - - - 0 2 0

*Item*, A rent of assize going out of certain lands there of Robert Wright, - - - - - 0 1 4

*Item*, A rent of assize going out of certain lands there belonging to Trinity church, - - - - - 0 2 8

*Item*, A messuage called the Moat-house, and two several closes lying at the backside of the same house, seven leyes in Hobb's croft, seven leyes and two pikes in Rennold's fields, a close called the Lewens, a close called the Prior's field, certain closes called Bornsill, and two closes nigh to the Pinfold there, in the holding of Michael Bold, 9 13 4

*Item*, Certain closes there called Jefferies,<sup>a</sup> and a close called Red-croft, in the tenure of Simon Parker, 1 6 8

*Item*, A messuage there, with certain closes and certain leyes belonging to R. Marlor's chantry, in the holding of W. Egerton, - - - - - 1 0 0

*Item*, The profits and perquisites of the Court there, 0 1 8

*Radford.*

*Item*, A grove in Radford, called St. Cleere's grove, in the holding of J. Judely, - - - - - 0 5 0

*Item*, A close there lying near Whitmore, called the New Field, in the holding of Richard Nicklin, 4 0 0

*Item*, A close there called Staple-field, in the tenure of Richard Sewell, - - - - - 3 14 8

R Item, A

<sup>a</sup> *Concil. Test. August 7, 1667, Coram Henrico Smith, Majore, &c al.* It is this day ordered and agreed upon, by this house and the Common Council, that, in consideration of thirteen-score pounds, Humfry Burton shall purchase Jefferies closes, and Jefferies meadow, and Rye-croft, with the appurtenances, to have and to hold to him and his heirs for ever. All which premises were formerly demised to the said Humfry Burton, and are in Coundon, in the county of Warwick. In 1626, Mr. Isaac Walden paid a fine of 58*l.* for these closes.

|   | £. s. d.     |
|---|--------------|
| <i>Item</i> , A water-mill there, with certain hames and groves lying to the same, in the tenure of William Marlor,                           | 2 0 0        |
| <i>Item</i> , Two meadows there, besides the moor,  | - - 1 0 0    |
| <i>Item</i> , A close there, in the holding of John Sneyd,  | 0 8 0        |
| <i>Stoke.</i>   |              |
| <i>Item</i> , Two messuages, two crofts, and one yard, land, and meadows, in Stoke Biggin, in the tenure of H. Randle,                        | - - - 1 10 0 |
| <i>Item</i> , A messuage there, with certain lands and meadows, in the holding of David Povey,  | - - - 1 6 8  |
| <i>Item</i> , A messuage there, with certain lands and meadows, in the tenure of Thomas Dudley,   | - - - 1 3 4  |
| <i>Item</i> , A messuage there, with certain lands and meadows, in the tenure of John Burd,   | - - - 2 1 8  |
| <i>Item</i> , A rent of assize going out of certain lands and tenements there, belonging to the Mayor, Bailiffs, and commonalty of Coventry,  | - - - 0 16 8 |
| <i>In and near Coventry.</i>  |              |
| <i>Item</i> , A great field called Harnal-field, a close called the Stripe, a close called Swan's-croft, and a meadow called Parson's-meadow, | - - - 9 0 0  |
| <i>Item</i> , A field called Marble-field, a close called Black-Orchard, with certain other closes, in the tenure of Thomas Naxton,           | - - - 2 13 4 |
| <i>Item</i> , A close besides Hill-mill, in the tenure of John Tallent,   | - - - 0 6 8  |
| <i>Item</i> , A close called the Ridings, in the tenure of William Sanders,   | - - - 1 5 0  |
| <i>Item</i> , A close beside the Mill-hill, in the tenure of Roger Adnet,   | - - - 1 3 4  |
| <i>Item</i> , A close besides St. Nicholas's church, in the tenure of John Castles,   | - - - 0 10 0 |
| <i>Item</i> , A close in the tenure of John Joynes, called St. Nicholas's leyes,  | - - - 0 18 6 |
| <i>Item</i> , A croft besides Hony-Forth, in the tenure of Christopher Warren,  | - - - 0 6 8  |
| <i>Item</i> , A croft called the Bell-orchard, in the tenure of Nicholas Wise,  | - - - 0 5 0  |
| <i>Item</i> , A close besides Harnal, in the tenure of Thomas Brewer,   | - - - 0 10 0 |
| <i>Item</i> , A close at Spon-end, in the tenure of the said Thomas Brewer,   | - - - 0 10 0 |
| <i>Item</i> , Certain leyes besides the Wind-mill, in the tenure of Thomas Bustard,   | - - - 0 7 0  |
| <i>Item</i> , A close called the Gillear's [Sellerer's] close, in the tenure of Richard Prest,  | - - - 0 11 0 |
| <i>Item</i> , A   |              |

|   | £. s. d.      |
|---|---------------|
| <i>Item</i> , A close called Hasling, in the tenure of the said Richard Prest,  | 0 5 0         |
| <i>Item</i> , The Quarrel-field besides St. Nicholas's church, in the tenure of Simon Parker,   | 0 3 0         |
| <i>Item</i> , A close in Holloway, besides Sandy-lane, in Radford, in the tenure of John Sumerland,   | 0 16 8        |
| <i>Item</i> , A close there, in the tenure of Richard Kenilworth,   | 0 10 0        |
| <i>Item</i> , A close there, in the tenure of James Rogers,   | 0 4 0         |
| <i>Item</i> , A close there, in the tenure of the said James Rogers,  | 0 18 4        |
| <i>Item</i> , A little close, in the tenure of John Joyner, Sow.  | 0 3 9         |
| <i>Item</i> , A messuage called Erne's-place, with certain lands, closes, and pastures, in the tenure of Thomas Dean,                               | 3 13 4        |
| <i>Item</i> , A messuage there with three quarters of land, and a toft with a quartern of land, in the tenure of John Ratcliff,                     | 1 7 0         |
| <i>Item</i> , A messuage, with certain lands, pastures, and woods, called Hawksbury in Sow, Foleshill, and Wyken, in the tenure of John Nutbrowner, | 5 0 0         |
|   | <hr/> 77 12 4 |

The manor of Hawksbury and view of Frank-pledge, are in the aforesaid grant of King H. VIII. though not inserted in this rental.



*The value of Sir Thomas White's estate, taken by Sir Thomas Gery, and reported in Chancery in 1709.*

|  | Rent imp. | Yearly value |
|--|-----------|--------------|
|  | £. s. d.  | £. s. d.     |
| G. Bohun, Esq. for a tenement and lands, late Clark's,         | 12        | 1 0          |
| Mr. R. Smith, for the lands late W. Clark's,                   | 2         | 8            |
| Mr. H. Burton, for a messuage and certain lands late Kelsey's, | 4         | 0            |
| Sir J. Garrat, for several lands late Mr. Over's,              | 2         | 0            |

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J. Gamble,

|   | Rent imp.<br>£. s. d. | Yearly value<br>£. s. d. | Anno.          | Fines,<br>£. s. d. |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|   |                       |                          |                |                    |
| J. Gamble, for several lands, late H. Smallwood's, - - -                          |                       |                          | 2 0            |                    |
| Mr. J. Chambers, for two closes, late the lands of G. Lord,                       |                       |                          | 1 4            |                    |
| The Mayor, B. and C. for several lands near Whitley common,                       |                       | 16 8                     |                |                    |
| The Church-wardens of Trinity, for several lands in Coundon,                      |                       | 2 8                      |                |                    |
| <i>The e are stiled, in the rentals, rents of assize.</i>                         |                       |                          |                |                    |
| <i>Coundon. b</i>   |                       |                          |                |                    |
| Mr. W. Rogers, for Moat-house farm, }   | 91 0 0                |                          | 1654 — 400 0 0 |                    |
| G. Bohun, Esq. for a tenement and lands in the occupation of Mat. Chesterfield, c |                       |                          | 1681 — 600 0 0 |                    |
| <i>Radford.</i>   |                       |                          |                |                    |
| William Jesson, Esq. for certain lands in the occupation of T. Gravenor, - - -    | 10 0 0                | 17 0 0                   | 1634 — 44 0 0  |                    |
|   |                       |                          | 1654 — 100 0 0 |                    |
| G. Bohun, Esq. for great and little Holloway-fields, - - -                        | 5 0 0                 | 15 0 0                   | 1621 — 13 6 8  |                    |
|   |                       |                          | 1640 — 15 0 0  |                    |
| Mr. F. Cater, for a close near Radford, d   |                       |                          | 4 0            |                    |
| Bridget Catterns, for St. Clear's grove,  |                       | 3 10 0                   | 1639 — 10 0 0  |                    |
| John Heath, for a close called Barn-yard and part of New-field,                   | 2 0 0                 | 15 0 0                   |                |                    |
| Thomas Warden, for part of New-field, late in Mat. Smith's tenure, - - -          |                       |                          | 1647           |                    |
|   |                       |                          | 8 — 250 0 0    |                    |
| And for one part of Steeple-field, -  |                       | 18 0 0                   | 1648           |                    |
|   |                       | 32 0 0                   |                |                    |
|   |                       |                          |                | Robert             |

b The Court and pyquisites, which belong to the charity, are omitted.  
c & d Sold in fee-farm.

|  | Rent imp.<br>£. s. d. | Yearly value<br>£. s. d.       | Anno,  | Fines.<br>£. s. d. |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Robert Haywood, for a<br>tenement now used<br>as a barn, and for a<br>meadow, - - -                            |                       | 2 0 0                          |  |                    |
| Briget Catterns, for<br>little New-field, -  | 2 0 0                 | 8 0 0                          |  |                    |
| Thomas Parker, jun. for }<br>Barker's leyes, - }   | 20 0 0                | 1655 — 50 0 0<br>1665 — 50 0 0 |  |                    |
| Stoke.   |                       |                                |  |                    |
| Mrs. Jane Hopkins, for<br>divers lands let to<br>under-tenants, -  | 27 16 8               | 16 13 4                        | 1645 — 33 6 8  |                    |
| Mr. R. Malcher, for a<br>messuage and divers<br>lands, late in the oc-<br>cupation of Mr. Wag-<br>staff, - - - | 40 0 0                | 4 0 0                          | 1650 — 160 0 0<br>1655 — 80 0 0                                    |                    |
| The perquisites of the<br>Court, demised to Mr.<br>Martin Holbeach, <sup>f</sup>                               |                       |                                | 6 8  |                    |
| Sow.   |                       |                                |  |                    |
| Francis Cater, for Moat- }<br>house farm, <sup>g</sup> - - - }   | 98 0 0                |                                | 1563 — 15 0 0<br>1580 — 20 0 0<br>1657 — 420 0 0<br>1681 — 470 0 0 |                    |
| Mr. Edward Higgin- }<br>son, for Hawksbury- }<br>farm and Grove, <sup>h</sup> }                                | 23 0 0                | 77 0 0                         | 1631 — 200 0 0<br>1650 — 250 0 0                                   |                    |
|  |                       |                                |  | William            |

e A lease of these lands, &c. was first granted to Mr. Thomas Wagstaff, in 1654, and afterwards to Mr. R. Malcher, for the same term of years; as appears by an entry in the minute-book, dated August 17, 1687. It ended at Michaelmas, 1749. We thought it proper to make this observation, because this estate, in some of the rentals, is said to be sold in fee-farm. Mr. Edward Owen says, this estate was let, in 1692, to under-tenants, for 100L per annum.

f The perquisites of what Court? Not of Fillongley-Court, as is mentioned in the late rentals of Sir Thomas White's estate; for it does not appear, by the original grant, or the old rental, that any thing in Fillongley belongs to this charity.

g This was called Attox-hall, Erne's-place, and Dan's-farm.

h The several sums for timber sold in this farm, from 1613 to 1664, amounted to 6964, 10s. 1. E. O. 2. What the timber trees, &c. which were cut down in Hawksbury-grove, about 1731, were sold for, and to what use the money arising from such sale was applied?

|  | Rent imp.<br>£. s. d. | Yearly value<br>£. s. d. | Anno.                                     | Fines,<br>£. s. d. |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| William Hewitt, for a messuage and divers lands in his occupation, : : : [Coal-mines omitted.]   |                       |                          | 1645—20 0 0<br>1661—40 0 0<br>1694—30 0 0 |                    |
| <i>Coventry.</i>   |                       |                          |   |                    |
| Mr. T. King, for part of Prior's-orchard, in his tenure, : : :   | 6 0 0                 | 14 0 0                   |   |                    |
| Mr. T. Bewley, for another part of Prior's-orchard in his occupation, with another piece of ground under the town-wall; for Swan's-well Mill-house and Pool, for another part of Prior's-orchard, and the Conduit-head and Spring, : : ; ? | 6 10 0                | 44 10 0                  |   |                    |
| John Palmer, for part of the Sheriff's-orchard, : : :  |                       |                          | 6 0 0                                     |                    |
| Mr. Abraham Owen, for another part of Sheriff's-orchard,   | 1 10 0                | 1 10 0                   |   |                    |
| Ann Fearn, for great Swan's-croft, : :   |                       |                          | 11 10 7 1650—40 0 0                       |                    |
| Mr. S. Critchlow, for Grey-friars' church-yard, and for divers lands and tenements in his occupation,  |                       |                          | 5 0 0 1613—20 0 0<br>1632—25 0 0          |                    |

*These were sold, in 1659, to Mr. Thomas Basnet, Alderman, in fee-farm, for the sum of 225l.*

Richard

<sup>i</sup> The coal-mines in Hawksbury have, formerly, brought in great sums to this charity: for, February 11, 1642, the city received, of Mr. Knightley, Mr. Bremwick, and Mr. Lym, for one year's rent of these coal-mines, £20/—

|  | Rent imp.<br>£. s. d. | Yearly value<br>£. s. d. | Anno.        | Fines.<br>£. s. d. |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Richard Harris, for part of Harnold-fields,                                  | 10 0 0                | 20 0 0                   |              |                    |
| Mr. T. Watts, for another part of Harnold-fields, - - -                      |                       | 44 0 0                   |              |                    |
| Mr. John Bennet, for another part of Harnold-fields, - - -                   |                       | 30 0 0                   |              |                    |
| S. Buggs, for another part of Harnold-fields,                                |                       | 22 10 0                  |              |                    |
| Mr. J. Snell, for Wind-mill-hill fields, - }                                 | 16 0 0                | 1612—40 0 0              |              |                    |
|  |                       | 1640—25 0 0              |              |                    |
|  |                       | 1649—60 0 0              |              |                    |
| J. Eburn, for a tenement and certain closes, <sup>k</sup>                    | 3 10 0                | 4 15 0                   |              |                    |
| Mr. Ralph Phillips, for 2 tenements at Spon-end, and for divers lands, - - - | 10 0 0                | 55 0 0                   | 1639—12 0 0  |                    |
|  |                       |                          | 1660—160 0 0 |                    |
| C. Buggs, for part of Broomy-fields, -                                       |                       | 14 10 0                  |              |                    |
| T. Harris, for divers grounds at Spon-end, late Sir W. Jesson's,             |                       | 55 0 0                   | 1660—60 0 0  |                    |
| Sir Thomas Gery, for Honey-fields, !   |                       |                          | 6 8          |                    |
| Mr. Thomas Muncott, for part of St. Nicholas's church-yard,                  |                       | 2 0 0                    |              |                    |
| Mr. John Hayward, for a close next to Bars-hill, - - -                       | 2 0 0                 | 12 0 0                   |              |                    |
| Mr. B. Brockhurst, for Bell-orchard,   |                       | 1 10 0                   |              |                    |
| Mr. B. Rogers, for Quarry-close and Dove-house-close, -                      |                       | 5 0 0                    |              |                    |
| Mr. T. Jesson, for a close at Jeffery Wood's-cross, - - -                    |                       | 3 0 0                    |              |                    |
| Robert Nichols, for part of Broomy-fields, -                                 |                       | 6 0 0                    |              |                    |

N. Woodward,

<sup>k</sup> Tenement at Spon-Causey, and a croft and two little closes at Sumpterland's Batts. <sup>l</sup> Sold, in fee-farm, to Mr. Mat. Smith, Alderman.

|  | Rent imp. | Yearly value. | Anno.        | Fines.      |
|--|-----------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
|  | £. s. d.  | £. s. d.      |              | £. s. d.    |
| N. Woodward, for a meadow taken out of Broomy-fields,                      |           | 3 13 4        |              |             |
| Mr. R. Smith, for the Quarry-close, - -                                    |           | 1 12 0        |              |             |
| Mr. Haycock, for Hust's close, - - -                                       | 3 0 0     | 5 0 0         |              |             |
| C. Buggs, for a close part of Black-or-chard, and for Marle-fields, - - -  |           | 12 0 0        | 1622-100 0 0 | 1645-50 0 0 |
| Vademont Eyre, for Nicklin's-close, -                                      |           | 3 0 0         | 1618-20 0 0  |             |
| C. Buggs, for another part of Black-or-chard called the Moors,             |           | 20 10 0       |              |             |
| A fine, paid by John Walden, as above-mentioned, for Jeffery's-closes, - - |           |               | 1626-58 0 0  |             |
|  | 152 6 8   | 870 3 11      |              | 3930 13 4   |

|   | £. s. d.  |
|---|-----------|
| When the estate comes to the improved rent, it will be of the yearly value of | 1022 10 7 |
| And the fee-farm rent deducted,   | 7 13 2    |
| The clear yearly value will be  | 1014 17 5 |

*Which may be divided in the following manner:*

|  | £. s. d. |
|--|----------|
| To the Charity, - - -                  | 347 19 0 |
| To the Loan, - - -                     | 579 18 5 |
| To the Trustees, - - -                 | 58 0 0   |
| To the Merchant Taylors Company, - - - | 14 10 0  |
| To the Clerk, - - -                    | 14 10 0  |

The rental of this estate, as may be seen in the Appendix, amounted in the whole, in the year 1724, to the sum of 932*l.* 2*s.*

**A calculation**

A calculation of Sir Thomas White's loan-money (as far as concerns this city) may be made as follows:

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| From 1567 (the year after Sir Thomas's death) to 1608, the space of forty-one years, during which this city received and disposed of all the loan-money, — — — — —  | 1640 0 0 |
| From 1608 to 1698, during which time this city received the loan of 40 <i>l.</i> every fifth year, — — — — —  | 720 0 2  |
| In 1703, when it was decreed, in pursuance of the order of the house of Peers, that the improved value of the estate (612 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> ) should be applied towards the augmentation of the several charities, — — — — — | 350 1 2  |
| In 1708, supposing no increase of rents, — — — — —  | 350 1 2  |
| In 1713, the rents being then improved, as appears by the order made in Chancery in 1710, — — — — —   | 405 4 2  |
| In 1718, supposing no increase of rents, — — — — —  | 405 4 2  |
| In 1723, supposing no increase of rents, — — — — —  | 405 4 2  |
| In 1729, supposing the yearly rent the same as in 1724, <i>viz.</i> 932 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> — — — — —   | 532 12 4 |
| The sum total of this loan-money, which is or ought to be circulating among the freemen of this city, — — — — —   | 4808 7 2 |

Sir Thomas White afterwards enlarged his gift of 1400*l.* to 2060*l.*<sup>a</sup> and ordered an annuity of 40*l.* to be paid by the Mayor, B. and C. to the President and Fellows of St. John's College, in Oxford.

We find that the Mayor, &c. gave a bond of 80*l.* for the payment of this annuity; but the College apprehends, that they have a further security, *viz.* all the estate called the Guilds and Chantries, which belong to the Corporation.

It has generally been thought that this annuity was given for the foundation of two Fellowships, to

S which

<sup>a</sup> Mr. Edward Owen, Clerk of the Council-house, says, in his remarks upon Sir Thomas White's rental in 1692, that Sir Thomas added 1000*l.* to his first gift, for the purchase of other lands; and ordered that, out of the rents and profits thereof, the Corporation should yearly pay 40*l.* to two Fellows of St. John's College, in Oxford, and apply the residue thereof to the same uses for which the 1400*l.* were given. But Mr. Stow, (whom we rather chuse to follow,) in his survey of London, makes mention only of 2060*l.*

which the Mayor, &c. should, from time to time, as they became vacant, nominate and appoint such freemen's sons of this city, as, upon examination, should be found qualified for the same—thus much is certain, as appears from the Presidents letters to the Mayor, as well as from successive entries in the C—p—n's minute books, that such a right has been allowed by the College, and exercised by the Mayor, &c. from the commencement of the said annuity, down to the present time (1733).



Mr. JOHN WHITEHEAD, of this city, haberdasher, gives by will, August 1, 1597, to the poor children of Bablake, an annual rent of  $3l.$  issuing and payable out of a close called the Chantry, in this city, and orders that the close be bound by stat. merch. for the payment of the same for ever.



Mr. WILLIAM WIGHT, citizen and draper of London, gives by will, December 1, 1641, to the poorest alms-house in this city— $5l.$

John Wight, one of the executors to the said William Wight, paid these  $5l.$  to the city by H. Burton, July 20, 1652.



DOCTOR WINTER, gives by will, December 22, 1666, Ex Reg. Cur. Praerog. out of his lands in Castle Town, and other places in Ireland, (if ever the same come to him again,) the yearly sum of  $20l.$  to be equally distributed for and towards the maintenance of two scholars at Coventry school till they become fit for Cambridge, and shall be admitted in Emanuel College, and take the degree of Master of Arts.

Mrs. ELIZABETH

Mrs. ELIZABETH WRIGHT, of this city, widow, gives by will, June, 1714, probat. in Cur. Praerog. Cant. to Mr. Samuel Walker, and Hannah his wife, during their lives, a meadow called Taylor's meadow, with the barn and other appurtenances, in the parish of West Bromwich, in the county of Stafford, in the occupation of John Newry, and after their deaths to Thomas Armstead and Thomas Bott, upon trust that they shall, during the residue of the term of years then to come in her lease of the said meadow (which was for one thousand years) permit and suffer the Vicars of the parishes of St. Michael and the Holy Trinity, in this city, to let the same, and to receive the rents, issues, and profits thereof, and dispose of them in the following manner—*i. e.* To twelve poor women of this city, of sober life, and devoutly frequenting the church, 25*s.* a-piece, upon the fourth day of October, yearly, to be laid out to buy every of them a warm gown and petticoat of linsey, and a pair of shoes; if the remainder, after the gowns and petticoats, be not sufficient to buy them shoes, such remainder to be equally divided among the said poor women, six of each of the said parishes. The overplus, if any, after the gowns and shoes, to the said Vicars for their trouble.



Mr. RICHARD WRIGHT, gives by will, 11th April, 1640, to the Mayor, B. and C. the sum of 20*l.* upon trust and confidence that they will, yearly, for ever, dispose of 24*s.* in 24 dozen of bread, to be distributed among the poor people in Bishop-street ward, in Angles-lane, and Cook-street.

This will was made when Mr. Wright was but thirteen years of age; and a probate was granted to W. Wilcox and Dorothy Crines, executors. Afterwards the Chancellor of Lichfield revoked the

probate, and granted administration to the youth's aunt. But the city received by composition 20*l.* to support this charitable use, and resolved to distribute the bread yearly on Ash-Wednesday.

This gift was paid by Mr. Joseph Norton (one of the City Bailiffs) in the year 1686.

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Mrs. WINIFRED YOUNG, of the city of London, gives by will 50*l.* to be paid by her executors into the Council-house of this city, to the intent that the interest of the same may yearly, for ever, be disposed of by the Church-wardens and Overseers of Trinity parish, to twelve poor widows in and near West Orchard—and desires that Ann, the wife of Nathaniel Herryman, and after her decease, some of her family, may be present at the disposal thereof.—2*l.* 10*s.*

This benefaction has been yearly distributed by the Church-wardens, &c. of Trinity parish.

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FRANCIS CRANER, of this city, gave by will, April 8, 1729, Probat. apud Lich, November 12, 1730, after other legacies, as followeth:—One annuity, or yearly rent of three pounds, free from all charges and payments whatsoever, to be issuing out of the messuage or tenement and premises wherein I now live, standing in Bishop street aforesaid, unto Job Phillips, for and during the term of his natural life; and immediately from and after his decease, I give and devise the said messuage or tenement and premises, with their and every of their appurtenances, unto Joseph Freeth and John Mallet, and their heirs, upon the special trust and confidence in them reposed, and to the end, intent, and purpose, that the said Joseph Freeth and John Mallet, and the survivor of them, or the heirs of such

such survivors, do and shall well and truly convey, settle, and assure the said messuage or tenement, and premises, unto such feoffees, person, or persons, and their heirs, for ever, as now are, or shall at any time hereafter be nominated and appointed in and by the last will and testament, or any other deed truly executed by Bridget Southern, of this city, spinster, intended for the settling of a school for teaching and instructing children in such manner and form as in such will or deed declared and appointed, and to and for the same uses, intents, and purposes, as are or shall be in such will or deed duly executed by the said Bridget Southern, limited, declared, expressed or appointed, and to and for no other use, intent, or purpose whatsoever; and my will is, that my executors hereafter named shall be paid and allowed out of my real and personal estate, all reasonable charges which they or either of them, or their heirs or assigns of the survivor of them shall be put unto in the settling of the trust hereby in them reposed, or in the doing, or acting, any thing in pursuance of this my will, as executors of the same; and I do make, constitute, and appoint them the said Joseph Freeth and John Mallet, joint executors in trust of this my last will and testament,



BRIDGET SOUTHERN, of this city, spinster, gives by will, December 21, 1731, (after her debts, funeral expences, and certain legacies are paid) unto her trusty and well-beloved friends John Gulson, Joseph Freeth, John Mallet, and Charles Higginson, all of this city, joint executors of her said will, the sum of 10*l.* to be by them, within twelve months next after her decease, paid, settled, and applied, to and for the use and benefit of such of the poor of the people called Quakers, in this city, in such manner as her said executors shall think most proper,

*Item,*

*Item*, all her messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, estate real, and also all the rest and residue of her money, goods, chattels, and personal estate, unto the said trustees, and their heirs, executors, and assigns respectively, for ever,—in trust that they, as soon after her decease as conveniently may be, sell and dispose of as well her said real as personal estate, and convert the same into money; and the money so arising (after all just and reasonable charges and expences allowed) wills they shall, as soon afterwards as they well can, *bona fide*, lay out and invest in a purchase of lands and tenements; which, immediately on or after such purchase, she wills shall, by the advice of counsel learned in the law, be settled and conveyed to and upon the aforesaid trustees,—in trust, nevertheless, and to and for the several uses, intents, and purposes, and in manner following, or as near thereto as may be according to law: (that is to say,) she wills and directs, that the clear annual profits and proceed of such lands and tenements, when purchased, and of the money aforesaid in the mean time and until such purchase be made, shall, from time to time, (after allowance and deduction of all necessary and reasonable charges and disbursements,) be for ever paid and applied, for, in, and towards the education or bringing up of such and so many poor children of the people called Quakers, or others, being inhabitants of this city, in learning to read and write, and for clothing them with outward garments of a brown coloured stuff, during such time and in such manner as the said trustees, or their successors, shall, from time to time, order or direct. And her mind and will is, that the poor girls among the people called Quakers be first provided for, from time to time; and then, as many other poor girls of this city as may be. And her mind, will, and desire is, that, as often as each or any of the said four trustees or their successors shall happen to depart this life,

life, the three surviving trustees, or the major part of them, shall, within one month afterward, elect and nominate a person to supply such deceased trustee's place; which person, so to be elected and nominated from time to time, she wills and orders shall, in all respects, have the same and an equal power and estate with any of those surviving, as if by her herein particularly named; and so wills and earnestly desires the said trust may be continued for ever. She wills,—that the said trustees and their successors respectively, shall, from time to time, reimburse and pay themselves all such necessary and reasonable charges and expences as they shall happen in any wise to be put unto and suffer, for or by reason of her will, or their acting in pursuance thereof, or of the trusts thereby in them reposed: and also wills and desires,—that her said trustees and their successors, from time to time, do produce and deliver, in fair and just account in writing, of all the money they shall or may receive, and how the same is laid out and paid unto the monthly meeting of the people called Quakers, or to an overseer of the poor of this city, or both; and that the said meeting or overseer of the poor shall have free liberty to view and inspect their book or books of accounts from time to time: and that the just account above-mentioned be given in some time in July, yearly and every year, for ever. And, in pursuance of her will, the aforesaid trustees executed one deed of release, bearing date on or about the seventeenth day of August, between them the said trustees of the one part, and Edward Sanders, rope-maker, of the city of Coventry, for the sale of a messuage or tenement late in her occupation, situate in Bishop-street, on the east side the same street, near Swine's-cross, for and in consideration of the sum of 50*l.* then paid by the said Edward Sanders; the money to be applied for the uses and purposes mentioned in her will.

*A Copy*

# *A Copy of the Decretal Order,*

Concerning the memorable Charity of

## **SIR THOMAS WHITE.**

Lord Chancellor,

*Veneris vicesimo die Decembris,  
anno regni Georgii Regis decimo, inter Major,  
Ballios, et Coalt. Civil' Coventry Quer', Robtu'  
Raymond Mil' Attorn. Gen. Dni Regis, Honora-  
bil. Williu' Bromley Arm. Honbil. Johem' Craven  
Arm. Thoma Gery Mil. et null' al' Fiduciar'  
per Cur' Cancel' pro Charitate Thomæ White  
Magistru' et Guar' Mercator' Scissor' Frater'  
Saneti Johis Baptist' in Civil' Londini, Major,  
Ballios et Burgen' Northton, Major' Ballios et  
Burgen' Leicest', Major' et Burgen' Nottingham,  
et Major' Alderman' et Burgen' de Warwick Defles.*

**T**HIS cause coming on the twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, and twenty-sixth days of October, 1722, to be heard and debated before the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great-Britain, in the presence of Counsel learned for all parties, the substance of the Plaintiff's bill appeared to be,—that the Plaintiff's predecessors, about the nineteenth day of July, *tricesimo-quarto Henrici Octavi*, did, for the sum of 137*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* purchase, from the crown, some lands, &c. parcel of the late dissolved Priory lands, lying near the said city of Coventry, being an improveable estate, though the rents were then but about 70*l.* per ann. to them and their successors for ever; and paid the charges of passing the grant, amounting to 99*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* And that, afterwards,

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wards, there was an indenture of covenants exec  
between the said Plaintiffs' predecessors of the  
part, and the then Master and Warden of the Mer-  
chant Taylors of the fraternity of St. John Baptist, in  
the city of London, of the other part, dated *sextu*  
*Julii, quinto Edri. Sexti*; whereby it was recited,  
that the said purchase was made by the only pro-  
curement and aid of Mr. White, afterwards Sir Tho-  
mas White, meaning thereby to prefer the common-  
wealth of Coventry, being in great decay. And that  
Sir Thomas White had paid to the Mayor, and his  
brethren the Aldermen of the said city, for the said  
purchase, 1400*l.*; in consideration whereof, they, at  
the request of Mr. White, did, in and by the said  
indenture or articles, covenant with the said Master  
and Wardens of the Merchant Taylors Company,  
that they would yearly, after Mr. White's death, pay  
of the rents of the said estate, the yearly sum of 70*l.*  
as follows,—24*l.* a year to twelve poor men of Co-  
ventry for ever, and 40*l.* per annum to be put out in  
free-loan to young men, and 20*s.* per annum to the  
Merchant Taylors, and 6*s. 8d.* per annum a-piece to  
the Mayor, Recorder, and ten Aldermen of Coven-  
try to see the charity performed, and 20*s.* per annum  
to the Steward or Town-clerk thereof, for making  
entries thereof at such times: and the said charity to  
have continuance for ever, in such manner as in the  
said indenture or articles was mentioned. And it  
was provided, that if default should be made in the  
payment of the poor men, the loan-money, or the  
twenty shillings to the Merchant Taylors, by the  
Plaintiffs' predecessors or their successors, they  
should pay, for the first year's omission, unto the  
Master and Wardens of the Merchant Taylors, 20*l.*  
in the name of a pain, 30*l.* for the second year, and  
so for every year till it came to 80*l.*; and the Mer-  
chant Taylors were at liberty to distrain on the la-  
s of the

for the said penalties. By which indenture or articles it appears, that no more of the 70*l.* per annum should be applied for the purposes in the said articles mentioned; and that the remedy for the non-performance of the same was to be taken as therein mentioned. For the performance of which articles, the Plaintiffs' predecessors gave a penal bond to the Merchant Taylors, defeazanced as in the articles,— that Sir Thomas White, designing a benefit for Coventry, designed that the surplus rents and profits of the lands, above the 70*l.* per annum, should be for the benefit of the said city; and, accordingly, the Plaintiffs' predecessors applied the rents of the said lands, above the 70*l.* per annum, as they thought fit, but constantly applied the 70*l.* per annum according to the said articles, and Sir Thomas White's previous intentions: and, as an evidence thereof, although Sir Thomas White lived to see the rents increased 200*l.* per annum, yet he never directed the improvement to any use, and the Merchant Taylors were satisfied that no more than 70*l.* per annum ought to go to the said uses. And, so much having been answered, they, by a writing under their hands, in 1610, certified,— that there had been a due performance of the said articles, and Plaintiffs' predecessors enjoyed such improvements about one hundred and forty years. But, that, in Hilary term, 1695, an information was filed against them, in the name of the Attorney General, at the relation of the Merchant Taylors, on the behalf of the inhabitants of Coventry, Northampton, Leicester, Nottingham, and Warwick; the end of which bill was, to have the surplus profits of the said lands, above the 70*l.* a year, to be applied in augmentation of the uses expressed in the said articles, *sesto Julii, quinto Edwardi Sexti.* To which bill the Plaintiff's predecessors put in their answer, and insisted, that the surplus profits of the said lands, above

above the 70*l.* a year, belonged to them: which cause came to be heard, before the Lord-keeper Wright, on the 7th of December, 1700; who, being assisted by the Lord Chief Justice Holt, Mr. Justice Powel, and Mr. Justice Blencow, his Lordship respited giving judgment till the thirteenth day of the said December; on which day his Lordship (the Judges concurring in opinion) dismissed the said Information. That the Plaintiffs in the said cause appealed from the said dismissal to the House of Lords; which coming on to be heard before their Lordships on the nineteenth of February, 1702, the said dismissal was reversed: their Lordships declaring it to be their opinion, that the surplus profits of the said lands, above the 70*l.* a year, ought to go in augmentation of the uses expressed in the said deed of appointment. That, on the twelfth of June, 1703, the cause came to be heard in this Court, when such directions were given as were agreeable to their Lordships' opinion; and the Court reserved costs, till after Mr. Gery, (afterwards Sir Thomas Gery,) the Master to whom the matters were referred, had made his report. That, pursuant to the said order, the said Master, about the ninth of July, 1705, made his report, which was confirmed by the then Solicitor (for the Plaintiffs' predecessors) neglecting to take exceptions thereto; by which the Plaintiffs' predecessors, apprehending themselves to be concluded, and that, by such neglect, they might account for more than the said charity lands amounted to, without having just allowances made them, and having spent a great sum of money in defending the said suit, and believing that all future expences might be prevented by an agreement with the Merchant Taylors and the four Corporations, they entered into an agreement with the said Corporations for the ending the said suit. And a meeting was had, by agents on all sides, at

Lutterworth, in Leicestershire; where, in a public manner, an agreement was made, on the second of January, 1705, about the increase of the sum to be paid the four Corporations and Merchant Taylors, and about some arrears of the 40*l.* a year, part of the said charity and costs of suit; the heads of which agreement were reduced into writing, and subscribed by the persons that there met. That the said agreement, being notoriously known to all the persons concerned and interested in the surplus profits of the said land, was disclosed to the Court; who directed an information to be brought against the Plaintiffs' predecessors, the Merchant Taylors, and the said four Corporations, to have a discovery of, and to set aside the said agreement, and for other purposes therein mentioned. In Michaelmas term, 1709, an information was brought accordingly; the end of which bill, *inter al.* was to set aside the said agreement, and to have a transfer of the trust estate: and the Plaintiffs' predecessors, having put in an answer to the said bill, and submitted the said agreement to the Court, the said cause, and the matters reserved upon making the decree in the former cause, came to be heard on the twenty-seventh of February, 1710, before the then Lord Keeper; who, *inter al.* ordered,—that the said agreement, and conveyances made pursuant thereto, should be set aside, and that the Merchant Taylors and four Corporations should re-assign the trust estate to the Plaintiffs' predecessors. And there being reported to be, in the hands of the Plaintiffs' predecessors, of the rents of the Charity lands, 22*41l. 1s. 3d.* his Lordship ordered, that they should bring the same before the Master, in three months then next; till when, his Lordship suspended the transferring and settling the said trust. And the time for payment of the said money, was enlarged by three several orders of the seventeenth of July, and

and the fourth and thirteenth of December, 1710. But, the Plaintiffs not being able to pay the money within the times limited by the said orders, the said cause came again to be heard before the said Lord Keeper, on the fourth of March, 1711; when his Lordship, *inter al.* ordered,—that the several persons named in a report of the Master, to wit, the defendants Bromley and the rest of the new trustees, should stand approved to be trustees for the management of the charity in question, and that the Plaintiffs should convey the estate and charity in question unto them; and that the said trustees should act therein, as the Plaintiffs, by the deed of appointment, were to have done. And it was further ordered,—that the several 6*s.* 8*d.* to the Mayor, Recorder, and ten Aldermen of Coventry, and the 20*s.* to the Steward or Town-clerk, as the same then were or should be augmented, should be applied in paying the charges the defendants [the new trustees] should be at in managing the said charity; and if there should be any surplus after the charges of the trust defrayed, it was ordered that such surplus should be applied in the increase of the fund for the charity distributed in Coventry. That a sequestration issued, for levying the said sum of 224*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* and the Plaintiffs' real and personal estates were sequestered thereby; and the profits of the real estate, amounting to above 700*l.* a year, were received, by the said sequestrators, for seven years; in all which time, there was only the sum of 284*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* paid by the said sequestrators towards the said duty, although the said sequestrators might have cleared the whole duty in a much less time: but, instead of having the said duty paid, the Plaintiffs, who were Defendants in the said cause, found themselves so oppressed by the said sequestrators, that they were forced and did apply to this Court, on the two-and-twentieth of July, 1718; and, on several

veral affidavits then read, touching the ill use that was made of the said sequestration, it was ordered—that the said sequestration should be suspended. Since when, the Plaintiffs have raised the whole money that remained of the said £241*.1s. 3d.* without mortgaging one foot of their lands, or lessening their reserved rents at all: and, having brought the said money before the Master, the Plaintiffs, on the thirteenth of July, 1720, applied to the Court; when, upon reading the material certificate of the first of June, 1720, of their bringing such money before him, and on the undertaking of several persons then in Court, for the payment of the sequestrators subsequent costs that should be taxed, it was ordered—that the said sequestration should be discharged. That no subsequent costs are yet brought in to be taxed; but the Plaintiffs offer to pay the same, whenever a bill of the same shall be brought in to be taxed. That, notwithstanding the non-payment of the same, the Plaintiffs, as advised, appealed to the House of Lords: wherein they set forth,—that they had paid the said duty; and, for the non-payment of which, the said decree of the fourth of March, 1711, was made; and thereby the Plaintiffs prayed, that the said decree of the fourth of March, 1711, might be reversed, and the trust estate re-conveyed to them. That the respondents having answered the said appeal, the same came to be heard before their Lordships, on the tenth and eleventh days of March, 1720. Whereupon their Lordships, in their wisdom and justice, ordered,—that the said decree of the fourth of March, 1711, should be affirmed without prejudice to the Plaintiffs the appellants applying to this Court, according to the course thereof, for a re-conveyance of the trust estate, as this Court should think fit: it being their Lordships opinion, (as the Plaintiffs hope,) that, in case the Plaintiffs' predecessors had paid the said

sum of 224*l. 1s. 3d.* the said trust estate ought not to have been taken out of their hands, or at least there ought to have been a reservation for that purpose, in the said decree of the fourth of March, 1711, for liberty for the Plaintiffs to have applied to the Court, to have the said trust restored to them when they had paid the said 224*l. 1s. 3d.* which intention of their Lordships doth more plainly appear, in regard the qualification aforesaid is annexed to their Lordships' affirmation of the said decree. Wherefore, and in regard the Plaintiffs have paid the said whole sum of 224*l. 1s. 3d.* for non payment of which the said decree of the fourth of March, 1711, was made, as by the said Master's report of the first of June, 1720, appears; and the Plaintiffs being not only contented—that the full improvement of the charity estate, and every penny of it, should be applied to the uses in Sir Thomas White's (the founder's) deed of settlement expressed, according to the decree of this Court of the twenty-seventh of February, 1710, or as this Court shall otherwise think fit: and in regard very few of the persons concerned in the matters complained of in the last information are now living, and members of the Corporation of Coventry, therefore,—that the said trust may be re-conveyed to them and their successors, and that the management of the said charity may be restored to them, in as full and ample manner as if the said decree of the fourth of March, 1711, had not been made, is the scope of the Plaintiffs' bill. Whereto the Counsel for the Defendants (Bromley, and the rest of the trustees) alledged,—that they do by their answer admit—that the said Mr. White, afterwards Sir Thomas White, having a design to relieve and prefer the commonwealth of Coventry, then in great decay, in order to settle a perpetual charity at Coventry, did, about the thirty-fourth of King Henry the Eighth, pay,

pay, unto the Mayor and Aldermen of the said city, the sum of 1400*l.*; and that they, afterwards, therewith purchased the lands in the bill mentioned, of the yearly value of 70*l.* only; and that, afterwards, such indenture was executed between the said Mayor, &c. of Coventry, and the Merchant Taylors Company; and that the Corporation of Coventry gave such bond as aforesaid. Know not what Sir Thomas White's design was, as to the surplus profits of the said Charity lands, otherwise than as appears by the said indenture; nor whether the said charity lands were increased in value in Sir Thomas White's life-time, nor whether the Merchant Taylors made such certificate touching the application of the charities as aforesaid, but believe only 70*l.* per annum was distributed out of the said charity lands, and they applied the surplus profits among themselves; and, if the said Corporation had not differed among themselves about such application, they (as have reason to fear) might still have continued so to do: but, upon quarelling among themselves, it was discovered, that the said charity lands were increased from 70*l.* a year to six or 700*l.* a year, or upward. Whereupon, in Hilary term, 1695, such information was brought, and such proceedings thereon, and appeal to the House of Lords; and, afterwards, such decree was made, on the twelfth of June, 1703, as aforesaid,—that whatever mistakes the Corporation of Coventry lay under before the said order of the House of Lords, yet insist that, afterwards, the said Corporation ought to be considered only as trustees; and ought not, as they did for seven years afterward, apply the profits of the said estate as they thought fit. That the confirmation of the report, in the bill mentioned, was not an omission of the Corporation's Solicitor, but (as believe) was done with design to conceal the true value of the estate; and, more effectually so to do,

do, and to elude the order of the House of Lords, did, by misrepresentations and undue practice, draw the other Defendants, the four Corporations of Northampton, Nottingham, Leicester, and Warwick, and divers numbers thereof, into an agreement at Lutterworth; whereby, under pretence of paying costs, (though none were decreed to be paid or reserved,) they agreed to pay the said four Corporations and the Merchant Taylors, 825*l.*; and, instead of disclosing what was the real value of the charity lands, and of applying the same according to the order of the House of Lords and of this Court, they agreed—that only 40*l.* a year should be paid out of the charity estate to each of the said four Corporations, in manner therein mentioned, until the tenth of March, 1703, which was nine months after the said first decree, and about twelve months after the said order of the House of Lords; and, from the said tenth of March, 1703, 60*l.* a year only to each of them, which was a great prejudice to the inhabitants of the said Corporations. And the Corporation of Coventry endeavoured to execute the said agreement, by demising the said charity lands to the Merchant Taylors and the said four Corporations for 2000*l.* years, and accepting a re-demise thereof to them and their successors for 20000 years, under the particular rents of 60*l.* per annum reserved to each of the said Corporations, which was less than their proportion of the said rents. And, while the said treaty was on foot, the cause in this Court was coolly prosecuted, so that little or nothing was done from the ninth of March, 1705, until the beginning of the year 1708; before which, the said agreement being discovered, and it being also discovered, that the Corporation of Coventry had made contracts for leases to their own Members, their sons and friends, for large fines, for long terms of years, at small reserved rents; and it

appearing the charity estate was of much greater value than appeared by the Master's report; in pursuance of which order the said Master, on the ninth of July, 1709, made his report, and certified the said charity lands to be of the yearly value of  $988l.13s.10d.$  clear of deduction. That, on arguing exceptions taken by the Corporation of Coventry to the said report, the yearly value was not lessened above  $40l.$  a year. That the Lutterworth agreement, and several notorious breaches of trust appearing, the then Lord Chancellor, of his own mere motion and for the sake of justice, recommended it to his Majesty's Attorney-General, to bring a bill to set aside the said agreement, and to have the said trust transferred; and, pending the said suit, the Master reported, in the other cause,  $2241l.1s.3d.$  to be in the said Corporation's hands, of the rents of the charity lands, above all deductions. That, upon hearing the said last cause, the twenty-seventh of February, 1710, the said agreement was set aside, and the Corporation of Coventry were to pay costs out of their own pocket, and the said Corporation were to bring the said money before the said Master; which being enlarged by three several orders, and they not bringing the same before the Master, being either unwilling or unable so to do, the said cause came to be finally heard on the fourth of March, 1711, when such decree was made as aforesaid, which was duly signed and enrolled; and the Corporation being in contempt for not performing thereof, such sequestration issued as aforesaid. That notwithstanding the Corporation kept the money in their hands for so many years, yet they have not answered to the poor of the several Corporations any interest for the said  $2241l.1s.3d.$  until they brought the same before the Master out of other charity estates in and about Coventry. And have heard that, it being discovered that the said Corporation

Corporation were about to mortgage their guild and charity lands, whereby several other charities would be prejudiced, the then Lord Chancellor recommended it to the Attorney-General to file a third information against them for an account of all the other charities in Coventry; which information was exhibited in Easter term, 1714, to which they have not yet put in an answer. Believe the said Corporation of Coventry, by and out of such other charity estates whereof they are only trustees, have brought before the said Master so much of the said principal debt as was not raised out of the said estate by the sequestrators: and that, thereupon, they brought such petition of appeal to the House of Lords; and that, upon hearing thereof on the said eleventh of March, such order was made as aforesaid. Doubt not to prove, that several persons, who are at this time members of the said Corporation, were members thereof when the said Lutterworth agreement was made; and that several of the new members of the Corporation were members thereof when several frauds and misapplications of the said charity were committed, and joined with their companions therein, and never attempted to oppose or discover the same: and that many of them are the same persons who stood in contempt of this Court, and therefore not fit trustees to be intrusted with the charity, if they had made a regular application for that purpose. And insist, that the order of the House of Lords cannot be construed to give liberty to the Corporation of Coventry to apply for a conveyance of the trust estate, while it is composed of any of the members who were detected of such gross frauds as aforesaid: and that such indulgence given to the Corporation, by their Lordships' order to make such application, could only be intended—that it should be done when the defendants, the present trustees, or any

succeeding trustees should misbehave themselves in the execution of the trust; nothing of which is charged against them by the bill. And, therefore, insist—that any application whatsoever of the Plaintiffs, to have a re-conveyance of the said trust estate, or to be re-admitted into the management of the said charity, is not within the meaning of the House of Lords, or warranted thereby. And insist and rely—that any application of this Court, contrary to the course thereof, is not warranted by the permission given the Plaintiffs by their Lordships' order. And, therefore, in bar of the relief sought by the bill, insist—that, by the known usage of the Court, no decree, signed and inrolled, can be varied on a petition or new bill, or upon such new bill as the Plaintiffs have now exhibited against them, or otherwise, but by bill of review. And the defendant Wright admits he was one of the sequestrators; and that the value of the city of Coventry's estate that was sequestered amounted to between six and 700*l.* per annum, but that the constant out-goings amounted to 500*l.* a year at least; besides which, he and the sequestrators, by order of the Court, paid several great sums of money: by reason whereof, the clear money arising from the said sequestered premises which was brought before the Master was reduced to the sum in the bill mentioned, and not by neglect of any of the sequestrators, but that they duly past their accounts before the Master. Admits he hath not yet brought in any bill of the subsequent cost of prosecuting the Plaintiffs since the former costs were taxed, by reason that the Plaintiffs have obtained an order to retax all his former bills, long since taxed and paid: upon which re-taxation the agents for the Corporation have proceeded so slowly, that the Master to whom the same is referred is not near finishing thereof; and therefore thought it improper, before the said re-taxation was

was finished, to bring in any bill of subsequent costs. And the counsel for the Defendants, the Corporations of Northampton and Leicester, alledged, that they do, by their several answers, admit—that there were such indentures of covenants and bonds entered into by the Plaintiffs' predecessors as aforesaid: and that such information and proceedings thereon in this Court, and appeal to the House of Lords and proceedings thereon, (but as aforesaid,) the Corporation of Leicester deny they know or believe. That, upon hearing the last petition of appeal, it was their Lordships' opinion—that, in case the Plaintiffs' predecessors had paid the said 224*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* the said trust estate ought not to have been taken out of their hands, as by the decree of the fourth of March it was done; or, at least, that there ought to have been a reservation for that purpose by the said decree, for liberty for the Plaintiffs to have applied to the Court—that the disposition and management of the charity be restored to them, when they had paid the said 224*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* and that the Plaintiffs and their successors should not be excluded therefrom. And hope the Court will not direct, that the trust estate should be re-conveyed to the Plaintiffs; not only in regard to the many mismanagements of the charity by the Plaintiffs' predecessors, but also for that the Defendants Bromley, and the rest of the new trustees, have managed the said trust estate to the best advantage for the benefit of the said charity, and have paid the rents and profits thereof yearly, as the same became due, justly and honestly, without giving any unnecessary charge or trouble. And the Corporation of Northampton, by their answer, insist—that they and the other three Corporations were drawn in by Coventry, to enter into the Lutterworth agreement; which believe they had not entered into, if the full value of the estate had been known, which was industriously

dustriously concealed from them. And the Plaintiffs and their predecessors have, in many instances, violated the trust reposed in them by Sir Thomas White, as well before as since the said order of the House of Lords. That several of the persons who were members of Coventry when the said fraud and abuses were committed, and who stood in contempt and defiance of the justice of the Court for many years, are now (1722) living and members of the said Corporation. For which reason insist—that the trust estate ought not to be re-assigned to the Plaintiffs, but shall remain in the said new trustees, in whose justice and management they are entirely satisfied. And the Counsel for the Defendant, Mr. Attorney-General, alledged—that he, by his answer, admits there were such proceedings as in the bill: and, as to the re-conveyance thereby prayed, he submits the same to the Court; not doubting but care will be taken, that the said charity shall be preserved and duly managed. And the Counsel for the Corporation of Warwick alledged, that their answer is much to the same effect as the answer of the Corporation of Northampton. And the counsel for the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham alledged—that they, by their answer, likewise admit the several proceedings aforesaid, in this Court and House of Lords; and that they have no cause to shew, why the said trust estate should not be re-conveyed to the Plaintiffs; and they and their successors have the management of the said charity in as ample manner as if the said decree of the fourth of March, 1711, had not been made, if the Court thinks the doing thereof agreeable to equity, and so as they are not prejudiced thereby, and their right to a share of the said charity as it stands confirmed be not any way impeached or lessened, and so as they may, at all times, have leave to apply to the Court for remedy in case of any abuse. And the

the counsel for the Merchant Taylors alledged—that they do, by their answer, admit the Plaintiffs may have brought the  $2241l. 1s. 3d.$  before the Master; and hope that, in case the Court shall be of opinion that the trust estate ought to be re-conveyed to the Plaintiffs, that the Plaintiffs may continue and remain subject and liable to the inspection of them the said Defendants, the Merchant Taylors Company, pursuant to the original deed of appointment of the fifth of Edward the sixth, and as the present trustees are, by the decree of the fourth of March, 1711. And whereas the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of Coventry (immediately after the order made by the House of Lords, the eleventh of March, 1720, upon hearing their appeal) did, on the one-and-twentieth of the same March, prefer their petition to his Lordship for a re-conveyance of the said trust estate. Whereupon, all parties being ordered to attend on the fourth of April then next, whereof the then Plaintiffs, having had notice, preferred their petition, insisting that the application of the then Defendants, by their petition, was irregular, and not warranted by the course of the Court and the order of the House of Peers; for that no decree could be reversed, altered, or explained, being once under seal, by petition or any other way but by a bill of review: and, therefore, prayed—that the order upon the then Defendants' petition for an attendance might be discharged. Whereupon, all parties being also ordered to attend on the matter of the said then Plaintiffs' petition, and counsel on both sides attending on the twenty-eighth day of May, 1721, to be heard touching the matter of the said several petitions, his Lordship did, *inter al.* then order, that the city of Coventry should be at liberty forthwith to bring a bill in this Court to the effect of their said petition; and when such bill should be answered, and the cause should come

to

to hearing, the matter of both the said petitions should come on to be heard at the said time. And the matter of the said petitions coming now on accordingly, and being read, whereupon, and upon long debate of the matter, and reading the Plaintiffs' bill, all the Defendants' answers, the order of the House of Lords, dated *decimo-nono die Februarii*, 1702, the order of dismission, dated the thirteenth of December, 1700, the decree of the twenty-second of February, 1710, the order dated *duodecimo Junii*, 1708, the order dated *decimo-quarto Octobris*, 1714, the order *quarto Martii*, 1711, the order seventeenth *Julii*, 1711, the report of the eighteenth October, 1711, the report of — December, 1711, the report of the first of June, 1720, the order of the House of Lords, dated *septimo Martii*, 1720, orders dated *quarto et duodecimo Decembris*, 1711, the information filed *decimo-quinto Maii*, 1714, and the proofs taken in the cause; his Lordship declared he would be attended with the precedent now cited of *Whorwood contra Whorwood*, and such other precedents as either side have, and also with the original deed of appointment of the fifth of Edward the sixth, and with copies of the several orders made in this and the other causes, and the orders of the House of Lords; and, after consideration had thereon, would deliver his opinion: and the cause standing in the paper this present day for that purpose, in the presence of the counsel on both sides, his Lordship declared that it appeared, the donor's original intention was to advance and profit the commonwealth of Coventry. And the deed of the fifth of Edward the sixth, on which all the proceedings in these causes have been founded, provides not only for the charity, but further also for the public good of this city, by lodging the management in the Magistrates, and thereby strengthening the government thereof. And the

the order of the House of Lords, in 1702, directs the improvement of the estate to be applied to the increase of the appointments to the Magistrates, as well as the charities; and so do the decrees of this Court, all except that of the fourth of March, 1711, made on the matters reserved at the hearing, which alters these appointments contrary to the former orders and decrees, and contrary to the former part of the decree made at the first day of hearing the cause, the twenty-seventh of February, 1710: but his Lordship conceived that that decree was just, as the circumstances then stood. The point of transferring the trust had been reserved, until it should be seen how the Corporation of Coventry would comply with the decree of the Court, whereby they were ordered to bring before the Master, in three months, *2241L. 1s. 3d.* certified to be the rents of the charity estate resting in their hands. Day after day is further given them for that purpose: and then the Court declared, if they did not bring it in by the day appointed for the further hearing, it would be reasonable and proper to transfer the trust, as well for their inability (which, in such case, would manifestly appear) as for their mismanagement: and, had they then complied, his Lordship conceived the trust had not been taken from them. But they still failing to make payment, when it must be thought they would exert themselves to the utmost of their power, it was reasonable to believe them not able: and, therefore, it became necessary to take the trust from them to secure the charity; and, lest it should be wholly lost, to put it into another management, (though worse in itself, and differing materially, and in one important point, from that intended,) and to make a provisional regulation to continue as long as the necessity that occasioned it, but alterable when that should cease, and the danger then justly apprehended

apprehended should be over. That it certainly had been proper to have reserved, in the decree, a liberty for any of the parties to have applied to the Court, from time to time, for further directions, as occasion should require; and then there could have been no doubt but that the Court, even upon a petition, might order a re-conveyance, and restore the management originally intended, whenever it should be just. And the Lords have confirmed the decree, with this addition or salvo, without prejudice to the appellants (who are the now Plaintiffs) applying to this Court, according to the course of the Court, for a re-conveyance of the trust estate, as this Court should think fit; it might fairly be argued—that the Lords have laid the decree as open as if such clause had been reserved in the decree. But, however, whether there be way open for the parties to be relieved by a petition or not, his Lordship was of opinion, and understood it to be the sense of the House of Lords, that this Court has (without such reservation expressed in it's decrees) a power of making regulations in cases of charities, from time to time, as change of circumstances require; and that it cannot divest itself thereof by any decree or enrolment; and the application by bill is a proper method to lay such change of circumstances before the Court. And as to the objection, that this ought to be by bill of review, and not by original bill, his Lordship declared that a bill of review is only in order to re-hear; and, upon re-hearing, to rectify the judgment of the Court where the decree was against the right of the case, and to open the enrolment for that purpose: and, therefore, where there is no occasion to re-hear, a bill of review is in vain. And, in this case, if the decree were not enroled, there would be no occasion to re-hear it, since the decree is admitted to be right; and a new regulation is

is prayed only upon the change of circumstances, to have the charity complete, and the whole intent of the donor take place; because the necessity, which forced the Court to depart from one part of the intent is now ceased. And, as the last order upon the point reserved at the hearing varies the former orders and decrees,—upon the new matter happened since, without a bill of review or any re-hearing, the Court has as much power to vary that: and that the Plaintiffs therefore are proper, by this bill, to say—the danger provided for by the last order is now over, and the necessity on which it was founded is ceased; and to pray therefore a variation, so far as to restore the charities as intended by the former decrees and original foundation. As to the estate now vested in the present trustees, they were no parties to the decree, and had not originally any right in them to be trustees; but came in by the discretion of the Court, as it's creatures and officers, to execute the orders of the Court, which has an inherent right to regulate charities so as best to answer the intent of them. And, as the Court before had power to take the trust from the persons whom the donor himself had made trustees, (to secure the main intent of the charity,) so certainly the present trustees, who came in only by the discretion of the Court, may, by like discretion, be divested of that trust, and the trust be restored to those chosen by the founder, to secure both the main intent and secondary intent of the charity in a point of importance. And though the Lords had absolutely affirmed the decree without any qualification, yet that would be only affirming that to be right and just, but would not alter the nature or effect of it: nor would the trustees thereby obtain any other right than they had before; which was not, nor could be a right in prejudice of the charity, or to prevent the

Court from making any just regulation to attain the full benefit and advantage thereof to the city of Coventry. And it now appearing that the city of Coventry have brought the money before the Master, and that the same has been raised with the approbation of the Master, and without running in debt or lessening their yearly revenue; and that they are now of such ability as that they may safely be trusted with the receipts of the profits of the charity estate and distribution thereof, and the persons who signed the Lutterworth agreement are all dead or removed but one, and not above three or four persons are now members of the Corporation who were so at the time of the mismanagement,—his Lordship conceived that all danger, against which the decree intended to provide, may properly be said to be over, and so the decree for a provisional regulation ought to cease; the rather, because it hindered one advantage intended by this charity to the good governing of the city of Coventry, and therefore was justifiable only from the necessity arising from the then circumstances of the case, which necessity is now ceased by the change of circumstances; and all the benefits and advantages of the charity, both primary and secondary, may be now had with security, by restoring the trust to the Corporation of Coventry, and cannot all be had any other way; doth therefore order and decree, that the defendants [the trustees] do execute a re-conveyance to be approved by Mr. Godfrey, one of the Masters of this Court, (to whom the former cause stands referred,) of the charity estate, and of all their right, title, and interest therein, to the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the city of Coventry. But the Plaintiffs, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of Coventry, are to pay, according to the former orders and decrees for that purpose, the costs which, in the former cause,

cause, the said Corporation were ordered to pay to the then Plaintiffs out of their own purse. But the non-payment having been occasioned by the Solicitor for the then Plaintiffs not bringing his bill before the said Master to be taxed, the execution of the said re-conveyance is not to wait the payment thereof; but, upon the Plaintiffs giving security, to be allowed by the said Master, to pay the same as he shall direct, (in case the Plaintiffs in the said former cause shall require such security,) he, the said Master, is to appoint such time or times, and place or places, (the trustees being numerous,) for execution of the said re-conveyance as he shall think proper. And it is hereby ordered and decreed, that the same be executed accordingly. And it is further ordered and decreed, that the management of the charities be restored to the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and residue of the Council of Coventry for the time being, according to the deed of the sixth of July, of the *quinto Edwardi sexti*, and that the proportion of the profits ascertained by the Master's report of the thirteenth of December, 1710, to belong to the alms and loans respectively, be applied to so many persons and in such proportions as by the decree thereupon made is appointed; and that the proportion by the said report ascertained to belong to the respective appointments which were withdrawn or suspended when the trust was ordered to be transferred, be, from henceforth, paid according to the said report of the thirteenth of December, 1710; and the first decree thereupon, made pursuant to the direction of the said decree of the fifth of King Edward the sixth, and of the first order of the House of Lords to the Mayor, Recorder, ten Aldermen, and Steward or Town-clerk of the city of Coventry, and to the Master and Wardens of the Merchant Taylors Company. And, as to the disposal of the money

money now to be disposed of, because the time for distributing the money to the poor men, and for making the loans, approaches, and may possibly be over before the deeds of re-conveyance be executed, it is further ordered,—that the persons to receive the alms and loans respectively, of and from this time, be elected and nominated; and securities for loan-money approved by the Mayor and ten Aldermen, with the residue of the Council of the said city, according to the true intent of the said deed of the fifth of Edward the sixth, in like manner as if the management of the said trust had never been taken out of them; and that all monies applicable to those purposes be paid to such persons, according to the appointment of the said Magistrates. And that the Receiver, out of the money in his hands, do pay to the Plaintiffs, forthwith, so much money as will answer the proportion for the poor men, to be distributed as above directed on the tenth of March next; or, if the Receiver shall make oath that he hath not sufficient, that then so much as the same shall fall short be made up out of the money formerly brought before Mr. Godfrey, one of the Masters of this Court, and before the Usher and two junior Masters of this Court, and which is now remaining in his or their hands. And it is further ordered, that the said Master do take an account of all the securities for loan-money taken since the decree for transferring the trust, and of all others now in being; and that the same be delivered over by schedule to the new Plaintiffs, and likewise the books, papers, deeds, leases, and writings relating to the trust estate: and that such said securities, and all further securities to be hereafter taken, as likewise the books, papers, deeds, and writings belonging to the said trust, (except the books concerning which other directions are herein after given,) be kept in one or more chest or chests,

chests, to be prepared for that purpose, under three different locks, the key of one to be kept from time to time by the Mayor for the time being, another by the senior Alderman, not being Mayor, and the third by the Clerk or Clerks of the Council-house; on the outside of which chest or chests are to be wrote, in fair legible characters, "Writings belonging to Sir Thomas White's charity." And it is further ordered and decreed, that when any lease or leases are to be made of the charity lands, reasonable notice be first publicly given, by the city crier going round the town for that purpose, and also by notices in writing put up and fixed in the most public and usual places where notices have been commonly fixed. And to the end there may be a just and true account kept of all transactions relating to the said charity, and all unfair proceedings may be prevented, it is ordered—that there be, from time to time, two books kept, one by the Corporation of Coventry, and the other in the vestry of St. Michael's church within the said city of Coventry, and therein be entered, in the first place, copies of the schedules of the securities and other books, papers, deeds, and writings, to be delivered to the Plaintiffs as aforesaid by virtue of this present decree, and the names and places of abode of the several persons and their sureties who shall receive any part of the charity or loan-money; and that two other books be kept in like manner, wherein shall be entered, at first, an abstract of the several leases now in being of any part of the charity lands, expressing the parcels, the name, and place of abode of the lessee, the term, and the rent; and, afterwards, like abstracts of such leases as shall, from time to time, be made of the said charity lands, or any part thereof. And as to such of the said books as are to be kept by the Corporation, the same be, from time to time, put into the

the chest, with the writings belonging to the said charity; saving, that the books at any time in present use for making such entries, and the book used last before that in present use, may be kept out of the chest for the more easy recourse thereto; but that no more than two books for entries of loans, and no more than two books for entries of leases, at one time, be kept by the Corporation out of the chest: and the books so directed to remain in the said vestry are likewise to be kept in a chest there, under three different locks, the key of one to be kept by the Vicar of the said parish of St. Michael aforesaid for the time being, another by the Churchwardens, and the third key by the Overseers of the said parish for the time being. And it is further ordered, that the said Master do take an account of the profits of the trust estate come to the hands of the Receiver, and see how the same hath been disposed of: and out of what shall appear to remain in the Receiver's hands, and in the hands of the said Master, or in the hands of the Usher and two junior Masters of this Court, it is ordered, that the Defendants [the trustees] be paid their costs of this suit, to be taxed by the said Master; and what shall afterwards be remaining in the hands of the Master, or of the Usher and two junior Masters of this Court, and Receiver, be paid to the Plaintiffs: but this is not to hinder or delay the payment of the proportion for the poor men, as is before directed to be paid forthwith. And in case the money in the hands of the Receiver and Master, or of the Usher and two junior Masters of this Court, falls short of paying the said proportion for the poor men and the said costs, and the proportion which ought to be paid, in March next, to the other branches of the said trust, the consideration thereof, as also the surplus, if any be, is hereby reserved until after the said

said account taken, and any of the parties or of the inhabitants of the city of Coventry, or of the towns of Northampton, Leicester, Nottingham, and Warwick, or any of them, or the Magistrates or Clerks of the Council of the city of Coventry, are to be at liberty, from time to time, to resort to this Court for such further order as occasion should require.

# APPENDIX.

## NUMBER I.

### *The Rental of Mr. Bond's Hospital Lands, 1731.*

|  | £. s. d.       |
|--|----------------|
| Mr. Holbeche, for Fillongly farm, *  | 100 0 0        |
| Mr. Morewood, for Solly-hill farm, -   | 20 0 0         |
| Joseph Guest, for his farm at Arley, -   | 25 10 0        |
| Thomas Blockley, for his farm at Bulkington, -   | 20 0 0         |
| Mr. Harrison, of Bitchwell, for his farm, -  | 20 0 0         |
| Mr. Abbitts, of Bitchwell, for his farm, -   | 20 0 0         |
| Alderman Cockerham, for land at Barker's-butts, -  | 28 0 0         |
| John Richardson, for land there, -   | 8 0 0          |
| William Chaplin, for land at Red-lane, -   | 12 10 0        |
| Mr. Fullilove, for Pitfield, at Radford, -   | 10 10 0        |
| Mr. Ash, for a tenement late Patrick's, and two tenements late Bowyer's, -                               | 10 0 0         |
| Mr. Wardin, for land joining to Conduit-meadow, -  | 13 0 0         |
| Mr. Docker, for his farm at Barswell, -  | 60 0 0         |
| Mr. Swift, for his farm there, -   | 17 0 0         |
| A house, late Elizabeth Ward's, repaired and let in parts,—to Elizabeth Ward, one part, at 2 <i>l.</i> — |                |
| Edward Newland, at 2 <i>l.</i> —and one part, valued at 4 <i>l.</i> per annum, untenanted, -             | 4 0 0          |
| A rent out of William Townsend's house, -  | 6 8            |
|  | <hr/> 368 16 8 |
|  | The            |

|   | A. R. P.      |
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| * A close called the Stocking, divided into two parts, -  | 19 3 20       |
| The orchard, Walnut-tree-yard, and Barley-yard, -         | 5 1 0         |
| One close adjoining, called Cunny-grey-close, -           | 5 2 20        |
| One meadow, called Barn-meadow, -                         | 7 2 0         |
| One close, called the Jambles, in three parts, -          | 17 1 14       |
| One croft, called Priest-croft, -                         | 5 1 0         |
| Chappel-field, in two parts, -                            | 18 3 28       |
| Greater Fillongly-field, -                                | 28 1 28       |
| Long-field adjoining, -                                   | 16 1 0        |
| The field adjoining to Long-field and Fillongly-meadow, - | 10 1 0        |
| The little field adjoining, -                             | 4 0 0         |
| The field next the park, -                                | 15 3 20       |
| The field adjoining to Long-field, -                      | 16 1 26       |
| Fillongly-meadow, -                                       | 26 3 33       |
| Part of the wood called Birchley-bey, -                   | 63 3 19       |
|   | <hr/> 261 3 1 |

|   | £. s. d. |
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| The Corporation, for Mr. Wheat's gift, <sup>b</sup> | 1 10 0   |
| For Mr. Simon Norton's gift, <sup>c</sup> - - -     | 3 0 0    |

In the year 1712 an information was filed in the Court of Chancery, against the Mayor, B. and C. and Mr. John Collins; setting forth—that the said Mayor, &c. had sold great quantities of timber off Fillongly farm, (part of this estate,) to the said Mr. Collins, at a price much under the true value; and that they had forgiven him the monies due upon such sale, in consideration of his past services to the Corporation. And in November, 1714, it was decreed by the said Court,—that the defendant Collins should pay the full value of the timber purchased, for the uses of this charity: and that twenty-four new trustees should be appointed; *viz.* twelve gentlemen and twelve other persons, members of the Corporation. Since this time the estate has been considerably improved, (as appears by the foregoing rental,) and the number of poor men increased to twenty-five.

2. Whether the like method would not very much conduce to the advance and improvement of the other charity estates?



## NUMBER II.

*The Rental of the Guilds and Chantries, by which the sequestrators collected in 1716.*

## Rents of assize.

| A   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| Rent out of the Bull inn, - - - - -   | 1 0      |
| A rent out of Mr. Maycock's house, - - - - -  | 4 0      |
| A rent out of James Ward's house, - - - - -   | 11 0     |
| The parish church of the Holy Trinity, two rents out of the lady lands, <i>viz.</i> 4 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> - - - - - | 7 4      |
| X 2   | The      |

*b* *Vide* Wheat.

*c* *Vide* Norton.

|  | £. s. d. |
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| The heirs of Thomas Bond, a rent out of a house and garden in Spon-street, | 4 0      |
| The heirs of John Smith, a rent out of a house, late William Smith's land, | 4 0      |
| Thomas Moore, junior, a rent out of a tenement late William Moore's,       | 1 0      |

*Hay-lane and Bayley-lane.*

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|--|-------|
| John Scotton, a tenement next the gaol,                    | 1 6 8 |
| Widow Griffin, a messuage,                                 | 1 0 0 |
| James May, a tenement next St. Mary's-hall, late Cotton's, | 10 0  |
| The Company of Drapers, for part of the Store-house,       | 1 0   |
| Mr. Samuel Smith, a tenement,                              | 8 0   |
| Sarah Edwards, for part of the Store-house,                | 1 5 0 |
| Mr. Samuel Smith, the corner house in Hay-lane,            | 18 0  |
| The Gaol-house,  | 2 0 0 |

*Jordan-well Ward.*

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| Mr. Samuel Snell, the corner house at Much Park-street end,  | 10 0   |
| The heirs of William Jesson, chief rent out of a house and lands,                                  | 2 0 0  |
| Mrs. Ann Bedford, a little building,   | 6      |
| Mrs. Mary Bewley, a tenement in Bourmans, at   | 5 0    |
| Sir Christopher Hales, a piece of ground before the White-friars',                                 | 1 5 0  |
| Henry Cotton, a tenement and garden in his occupation,   | 2 0 0  |
| Mr. John Collins, a messuage and garden,   | 1 10 0 |
| Mr. John Collins, junior, a tenement late Wedgwood's,  | 1 0 0  |
| Mr. Christopher Wall, [Wale,] a fee-farm rent out of his house,                                    | 3 0 0  |
| Mr. Thomas Jesson, a croft near Gosford-gate,  | 2 0 0  |
| Mr. Lovridge, the Bull inn, late Bosworth's,   | 3 10 0 |
| Sarah Eades, widow, a fee-farm rent of a messuage and garden,                                      | 12 0   |
| Henry Pickard, a rent of a tenement and garden,  | 8 0    |
| Mr. Wale, a rent out of lands without the gate, in the tenure of Samuel Smith,                     | 1 0 0  |
| The heirs of Richard Baron, a rent out of a close late in John Draught and Henry Cheyney's tenure, | 5 0    |
| John Row, late Wostew, a tenement and garden,  | 4 0    |
| John Hancocks, a close late in the tenure of Charles Miller,                                       | 4 11 8 |
| A tenement and garden in Foxley's tenure,  | 5 0    |

Much

| <i>Much Park-street.</i>  | <i>£, s. d.</i> |
|---|-----------------|
| Randle, 16s.—Godard, 18s.—Thomas Arms, 2s.—                     |                 |
| a messuage so divided, — — —                                    | 2 14 0          |
| John Bull, a messuage and garden, — — —                         | 10 0            |
| Thomas Smith, a tenement and garden, — — —                      | 6 0             |
| John Musson, a tenement and garden, — — —                       | 6 0             |
| Thomas Dix, a tenement and garden, — — —                        | 6 0             |
| Joshua Clark, a tenement and garden, — — —                      | 6 0             |
| Randle Hamlet, a tenement and garden, — — —                     | 6 0             |
| John Pollard, a tenement and garden, — — —                      | 15 0            |
| Thomas Onion, a tenement and garden, — — —                      | 1 0 0           |
| John Edwards, two tenements and gardens, — — —                  | 6 0             |
| John Parkes, a tenement and garden, — — —                       | 5 0 0           |
| Thomas Laythorne, a tenement and garden, — — —                  | 3 10 0          |
| Mrs. Shaw, a tenement and garden, — — —                         | 1 10 0          |
| Mrs. Griffin, a tenement and garden late Mr. Crichtlow's, — — — | 2 6             |
| William Ward, a tenement and garden, — — —                      | 2 6             |
| Mr. Peter Swane, a tenement and garden, — — —                   | 2 6             |
| John Foard, a tenement and garden, — — —                        | 2 6             |
| Thomas Chiswell, a tenement and backside, — — —                 | 10 0            |
| Samuel Monk, a tenement, clear rent, — — —                      | 10 0            |
| Widow Barton, a tenement and garden, — — —                      | 14 0            |

*Dead-lane.*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Thomas Wolstan, two tenements and gardens, — — —                                 | 4 0   |
| Edward Sanders, a tenement and garden, — — —                                     | 2 0   |
| John Skipper, a tenement and garden, — — —                                       | 2 8   |
| John Fearne, a tenement and garden, — — —  | 2 0   |
| William Essex, a tenement and garden, — — —                                      | 2 0   |
| Widow Fisher, a tenement and garden, — — —                                       | 2 0   |
| William Warren, a tenement and garden, — — —                                     | 2 0   |
| Thomas Pickering, a tenement and garden, — — —                                   | 2 0   |
| Samuel Marler, a tenement and garden, — — —                                      | 2 0   |
| Norton Hanson, Esq. a rent out of the Gate-house, — — —                          | 1 0   |
| The said Norton Hanson, Esq. a rent out of a tene-<br>ment and garden, — — — — — | 10 0  |
| Thomas French, a tenement and garden, — — —                                      | 3 0 0 |
| Thomas Fearne, a tenement and garden, — — —                                      | 2 0   |
| William Warrin, junior, a tenement and garden, — — —                             | 2 6   |
| Widow Long, a tenement and garden, — — —   | 2 6   |
| — Smith's two tenements, — — — — —   | 9 0   |
| Thomas Griswell, a tenement and garden, — — —                                    | 2 6   |

*Little Park-street Ward.*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Thomas Fearne, a rent out of two tenements and<br>gardens, — — — — —     | 1 0 0 |
| Mr. John Collins, a tenement and garden late Picker-<br>ing's, — — — — — | 2 0   |

Mr. Collins,

|  | £. s. d. |
|--|----------|
| <b>Mr. Collins, a tenement and garden late Sault's,</b>        | 4 0      |
| <b>Joshua Streton, a rent out of a tenement late Morgan's,</b> | 2 10 0   |
| <b>Mr. Samuel Smith, a messuage and garden,</b>                | 3 0 0    |
| <b>Mrs. Elizabeth Samwell, a messuage and garden,</b>          | 6 0 0    |
| <b>Mr. Rawson, a rent out of a tenement and garden,</b>        | 1 0 0    |
| <b>The Lady Norton, a messuage and garden,</b>                 | 2 0 0    |
| <b>Mr. John Wilcocks, a stable there, now Eades's,</b>         | 3 4      |

*Warwick-lane.*

|  |   |       |
|--|---|-------|
| <b>Mr. Cater, a rent out of a tenement,</b>                  | — | 1 2 0 |
| <b>Thomas Rew, a tenement and garden,</b>                    | — | 4 0 0 |
| <b>Alderman Davis, a rent out of a tenement late Mr.</b>     |   |       |
| Clark's,   | — | 14 0  |
| <b>William Sharratt, a rent out of three tenements,</b>      |   | 18 0  |
| <b>Two tenements granted to John Thruston and his heirs,</b> |   | 6 8   |
| <b>John Mills, a tenement and garden,</b>                    | — | 4 0   |
| <b>Richard Smith, a tenement and garden,</b>                 | — | 3 0   |
| <b>Abraham Elme, a tenement and garden,</b>                  | — | 4 0   |

*Earl-street Ward.*

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| <b>Mr. Chambers, a rent out of Mr. Rogers's house,</b> | 3 0 0  |
| <b>Mr. Wilcocks, a rent out of a tenement,</b>         | —      |
| Widow Brockhurst, a messuage,                          | —      |
| Executors of James Nailer, Alderman, the Wool-hall     | 1 10 0 |
| Drapery,   | —      |
|  | 4 0 0  |

*Smithford-street.*

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| <b>Mr. John Fox, a rent out of a tenement and garden,</b> | 2 0 0 |
| <b>Richard Lander, a tenement late Mr. Kevil's,</b>       | —     |
| <b>Alderman Owen, a little house in Vicker-lane,</b>      | 1 0 0 |

*Fleet-street.*

|   |   |        |
|---|---|--------|
| <b>Mr. Gibbons, a messuage and garden,</b>                | — | 4 0 0  |
| <b>The heirs of Thomas Fidgeon, a rent out of a tene-</b> |   |        |
| ment against Bablake church,                              | — | 6 8    |
| <b>Mr. Samuel Welton, the George inn,</b>                 | — | 12 0 0 |
| <b>Widow Poole, a tenement late Nailer's,</b>             | — | 2 0 0  |
| <b>Widow Bisaker, a tenement and garden and lay of</b>    |   |        |
| lands,  | — | 1 0 0  |

*Spon-street Ward.*

|   |   |          |
|---|---|----------|
| <b>Hannah Olds, a small parcel of ground without the</b>    |   |          |
| gate,   | — | 1 6 8    |
| <b>Mr. Birch, a tenement and garden,</b>                    | — | 15 0     |
| <b>Job Farrendon, two stables late Bourne's,</b>            | — | 14 0     |
| <b>William Dickenson, a tenement between those stables,</b> | — | 18 0     |
| <b>Jonah Abell, a tenement and garden, and a close by</b>   |   |          |
| Allesley,   | — | 5 0 0    |
|   |   | Alderman |

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| <b>Alderman Ebourn, a tenement and garden late Heath's,</b>     | 8 0      |
| <b>Mr. Rushton, a tenement and garden late Showell's,</b>       | 10 0     |
| <b>Alderman Ebourn, a rent out of a tenement late Palmer's,</b> | 8 0      |

*Hill-street.*

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Mr. Laurence, a barn, stable, and backside,             | 1 0 0  |
| John Johnson, a tenement and garden,                    | 1 10 0 |
| The executors of Alderman Snell, a close late Elliot's, | 4 4 8  |

*Well-street.*

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Joseph Cranor, a tenement and garden late Samuel Sharratt's, | 2 10 0 |
| John Mitchel, a close called Welsh-market,                   | 2 16 8 |
| Thomas Wardin,   | 6 10 0 |

*Hill-cross.*

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Mr. Bryon's widow, a close shooting upon Middle-borough-way, | 3 0 |
| And for a fee-farm rent out of a tenement and croft there,   | 8 8 |

*Cook-street.*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Mr. James Clark, a tenement late Fearne's, | 3 0 0 |
| Samuel Faulkner, a tenement and garden,    | 1 4 0 |

*Bishop-street Ward.*

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|--|-------|
| William Langton, a tenement and garden,          | 1 0 0 |
| Widow Sprigg, a tenement and garden,             | 15 0  |
| Samuel Meech, a tenement and garden,             | 10 0  |
| Mrs. Smith, a tenement and garden late Ebourn's, | 4 0   |
| Samuel Shaw, a tenement and garden,              | 5 0   |
| Thomas Lands, a tenement and garden,             | 7 0   |
| Mrs. Cater, two tenements and gardens,           | 10 0  |
| Abraham Pitts, a tenement and garden,            | 1 0 0 |
| William Poole, a tenement next Swine's-cross,    | 5 0 0 |

*St. John's-bridge.*

|                                       |      |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| John Itchenor, a tenement and garden, | 6 8  |
| Mr. Whithell, a tenement,             | 10 0 |

*Ironmonger-row.*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Samuel Grosvenor, the Falcon inn, late Faulkner's,               | 3 0 0 |
| Mr. Carnin's heirs, a rent out of three tenements and backsides, | 10 0  |

*Palmer-lane.*

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Samuel Catherns, a rent out of divers tenements, | 10 0 |
| Mr. Hurdman's heirs, a tenement there,           | 2 0  |

*Cross-cheaping*

| <i>Cross-cheaping Ward.</i>                       | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|---|-----------------|
| Mr. Oletts, for Wheately's lands, —               | 6 8             |
| Mr. Hunt, a house and shop late Richard Hunt's, — | 13 4            |
| Joseph Shaw, a tenement, —                        | 2 0 0           |
| Mr. Murcott, a tenement and garden, —             | 8 0 0           |
| Mr. Bott, a rent of a tenement, —                 | 3 0 0           |
| William Winterton, a tenement, —                  | 2 15 0          |
| Mr. Daniel, the Peacock inn, —                    | 8 0 0           |
| Mr. Kilsby, a tenement, —                         | 8 0 0           |

*West-orchard.*

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| The Shoe-maker's Company, for St. Nielolas's-hall, | 5 15 0 |
| Mr. William Green, a rent out of a tenement, —     | 3 4    |

*Closes and Pastures.*

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Alderman Croose, two closes and a meadow lawland, —                 | 9 10 0 |
| William Bearly, the mill in the hole and grounds, —                 | 13 0 0 |
| Moses Parker, for Cave's mill, —                                    | 8 0 0  |
| Widow Orton, a messuage in Bishop-street and a close at Red-lane, — | 7 0 0  |
| Mr. Henry Smith, closes at Elsdon-lane and at Spon Causeway, —      | 6 13 4 |
| Alderman Eborour, for Goswel-close late Vade Eyres's, —             | 6 0 0  |
| And for Scott's close, —  | 4 0 0  |
| Alderman Goodall, for Elliott's fields late Mr. Ben-nyon's, —       | 14 0 0 |
| Mrs. Eborall, for a close out of Bishop-gate, —                     | 4 0    |

*Rental of Puddycroft.*

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|--|--------|
| Mr. Scott, for part thereof late Samuel Martin's, —  | 7 0 0  |
| Mr. Smith, another part, —                           | 2 10 0 |
| Mr. Rawson, part thereof, —                          | 4 13 4 |
| The executors of Alderman Snell, for part thereof, — | 1 15 0 |
| Richard Atherly, for part, —                         | 1 10 0 |

*Foleshill.*

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Richard Smart, for land, —    | 2 0 0 |
| — Wyat, late Roger Roberts, — | 5 0 0 |

*Coventry.*

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| The executors of Alderman Snell, a rent out of a house, — | 6 2     |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, a rent out of lands, —              | 10 0    |
| Mr. Gulson, the Priory dye-house, —                       | 10 0 0  |
| Arthur Henley, a tenement and garden, —                   | 1 5 0   |
| Thomas Banbury, a tenement, —                             | 16 0    |
| John Hansell, a tenement and garden, —                    | 1 10 0  |
| Humphrey Fauster, a rent out of a stable and garden, —    | 10 0    |
| John Higginson, a tenement and garden late Web-ster's, —  | 8 0     |
|   | William |

|   | d. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| William Smith, John Bennet, two stables and a muck-hill place, — — —      | 1 15 0   |
| Mr. Howton, a barn, stable, and backside, — — —                           | 1 0 0    |
| Ann Asson, a tenement and garden, — — —                                   | 19 0     |
| Henry Preston, a tenement and garden, — — —                               | 19 0     |
| Edward Fauster, a barn, stable, and backside, — — —                       | 1 10 0   |
| Edward Johnson, a house and garden, — — —                                 | 15 0     |
| Alderman Crynes, a garden, — — —  | 10 0     |
| Mr. Bott, a garden in the Priory, — — —                                   | 13 4     |
| Ditto Bryon's heirs, a rent out of the Tower-house, — — —                 | 13 4     |
| Mr. Oughton, for the Priory-mill and billet, — — —                        | 11 0 0   |
| Mr. Baxter, a spang of ground adjoining to Broad-well, — — —              | 1 0      |
| Sir Thomas Gery, a rent out of his lands at Middle-borough-way, — — — — — | 2        |
| Mr. Smith, apothecary, a tenement and garden, — — —                       | 2 10 0   |
| Michael Burton, a tenement, — — —   | 1 10 0   |
| Alderman Crynes, a parcel of ground without Gosford-gate, — — — — —       | 1 15 0   |
| And for ground late Mr. Keley's, — — — — —                                | 10 0     |
| Widow Addington, a tenement, — — — — —                                    | 6 0      |
| Widow Andrews, a tenement, — — — — —                                      | 5 0      |
| Nathaniel Garner, a tenement, — — — — —                                   | 4 0      |
| Widow Andrews, a tenement, — — — — —                                      | 4 0      |
| Robert Mitchell, a tenement, — — — — —                                    | 4 0      |
| Thomas Burton, a tenement and garden, — — —                               | 5 0      |
| John Slater, a tenement late Smith's, — — —                               | 4 0      |
| John Hencock, — — — — —   | 6        |

*Yearly rents are the properties of other persons, and not here to be received. <sup>a</sup>*

*Additional Rents.*

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| The Church-wardens of Trinity parish, several rents out of their lands, besides 7s. 4d. —  | 7 1 2   |
| The Company of Tanners, a rent out of their lands without Bishop-gate, — — — — —   | 6 0     |
| The Company of Butchers, a rent out of their lands called New-rents, — — — — —   | 4 1     |
| The Company of Whittawers, a rent out of their lands, 7s. 6d. and the heirs of John Waldin, 2s. 6d.  | 10 0    |
| Mr. John Smith, a house and ground at Corley where Barnaby Holbeche dwelt, now in the occupation of Henry Davis, 8s. Mts. Whadcock, for her lands there, late Mr. Hill's, 13s. 4d. | 1 1 4   |
| Y  | Michael |

<sup>a</sup> The meaning of this the Collectors do not understand.

|   | £.  | s. | d.               |
|---|-----|----|------------------|
| Michael Ford, for his land there at the land's end, |     | 4  | 0                |
| John Clark, for the Mill-house near the land's end, |     | 4  | 0                |
| Mr. Oletts, for part of Mr. Wheatley's land, called |     |    |                  |
| Ashmore-fields,                                     | 12  | 0  |                  |
| William Chany, a tenement in his occupation,        | 2   | 0  | 0                |
| Joshua Fullilove, Childsmore-house,                 | 19  | 0  | 0                |
| Mr. Shakespeare, a cellar under St Mary's-hall,     | 10  | 0  |                  |
| John Elliot, a little tenement adjoining to Bablake |     |    |                  |
| church,   | 10  | 0  |                  |
| Newsome Smith, some rooms in Grey-friers' tower,    | 13  | 0  |                  |
| Richard Lander, a parcel of ground adjoining to     |     |    |                  |
| Newgate,  | 2   | 0  |                  |
| John Green, Juxta Twycross, for lands,              | 10  | 0  | 0                |
| The Wilbraham rent,                                 | 30  | 6  | 8                |
| Stoke chief rents,                                  | 1   | 9  | 0                |
| Exhall,   | 1   | 1  | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  |
|   | 409 | 11 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

*The Rental of the Warden's account, as received from  
Mr. Cater; from Michaelmas, 1715, to Michael-  
mas, 1716.*

| Gosford-street Ward.                                 | £. | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|----|
| Edward Hopkins, Esq: a piece of ground and building, | 1  | 3  | 4  |
| Mr. Shaw, a piece of ground,                         |    | 13 | 4  |
| John Fawson, a tenement, in Langdon's occupation,    | 1  | 5  | 0  |
| John Fisher, a tenement and garden,                  |    | 1  | 5  |
| Thomas Hall, a tenement and garden,                  |    | 1  | 0  |
| William Cumbe, a tenement, fee-farm,                 |    | 1  | 0  |
| Mr. John Collins, a tenement,                        |    | 15 | 0  |
| Ann Eades, a tenement, fee-farm,                     |    | 12 | 0  |
| Moses Merry, a tenement,                             |    | 8  | 0  |

*Jordan-well Ward.*

|  |   |    |   |
|--|---|----|---|
| Mr. John Freeman, a tenement and garden, | — | 13 | 4 |
| Mr. Ash, a tenement and garden,          | — | 10 | 0 |

*Earl-street.*

|  |    |    |   |
|--|----|----|---|
| Mr. Bane, a tenement over against the Drapery,         | 5  | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. William Mitchell, a tenement,                      | 2  | 0  | 0 |
| Thomas Sutton, two tenements and gardens,              | 2  | 10 | 0 |
| Charles Miller, a tenement and garden, late Rushworth, | 15 | 0  |   |
| John Richard, a tenement clear,                        | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Samuel Skears, next it, clear,                         |    | 10 | 0 |
| The heirs of Benjamin Townsend, a tenement, late       |    |    |   |
| Bradshaw,  | 1  | 0  | 0 |

*Much*

| <i>Much Park-street.</i>                                  | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|---|-----------------|
| John Chesley, [Clevely,] the Rose inn, —                  | 4 0 0           |
| John Daines, a close at Harnell, late William Browne's, 8 | 10 0            |
| Edward Palmer, a tenement, late Edward Large's, 4         | 0 0             |
| Alderman Crynes, four tenements, — — —                    | 2 3 4           |

*Hay-lane and Bayley-lane.*

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Mrs. Downing, a rent out of her house, b — | 2 13 4 |
| The Company of Mercers, for their hall, —  | 2 0 0  |
| The Clothiers' Company, for their hall, —  | 1 0 0  |
| Widow Mitchel, a house, — — —              | 2 0    |

*Broad-gate.*

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Thomas Jones, a tenement, — — — | 3 0 0 |
|---------------------------------|-------|

*Smithford-street.*

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Mr. Stubbs, a tenement, — — —                   | 12 8 |
| The Lady Norton, a tenement, now Stubbs's, —    | 2 0  |
| Thomas King, a tenement, late Mr. Lenning's, 13 | 8    |

*Spon-street.*

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Mr. Wall, a tenement, — — —                | 1 10 0 |
| John Gibbons, a piece of ground, — — —     | 2 0    |
| Mr. Buggs, two tenements and gardens, —    | 7 0 0  |
| Alderman Cockrum, a tenement and garden, — | 2 10 0 |
| Mr. Rushton, a tenement and garden, — — —  | 2 6    |
| Mr. Yates, a tenement and garden, — — —    | 8 0    |
| Joseph Chambers, Spon chapel, — — —        | 4      |
| Mr. Henry Smith, — — —                     | 1 0 0  |
| Widow Pickering, the Nag's-head, — — —     | 3 0 0  |

*Cross-cheaping and Radford.*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Mrs. Downs, the Mermaid tavern, late Brownmill's, 6    | 0 0   |
| Mr. Samuel Welton, a messuage, garden, and backside, 9 | 0 0   |
| Mr. Sharrat, a rent out of the Talbot, —               | 1 0 0 |

*Well-street.*

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Mr. Withers and St. John King, rents 8s. out of a croft, and 6s. for a piece of ground, late Mr. Kervin's heirs, — — — | 14 0 |
| Mr. Withers, a close, late Kervin's, — — —   | 8 0  |
| Mr. Withers, a piece of ground, late Warren's garden, 1  | 0 0  |
| Mr. Poole, a close at Harnell, late Samuel Falkner's, 2  | 10 0 |
| St. John King, a close adjoining to the Town-wall, 5   | 0 0  |
| Elizabeth Bellomy, a tenement and garden, late King's, 10  | 0 0  |

Y 2 Christopher

b For her house, 1l. 2d.; and, for the Tenter-yard and little houses, 1l. 13s. 2d. The Tenter-yard was given by Mr. Hales to the Free-school. *Vide Bental*, page 74.

|  |   | £. | s. | d. |
|--|---|----|----|----|
| Christopher Garner, a tenement and garden, | — | 4  | 0  | 0  |
| Nathaniel Priest, a tenement and garden,   | — | 1  | 3  | 4  |

*Bishop-street.*

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The executors of Alderman Snell, a tenement and garden, | — | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|

*Pasture grounds.*

|  |    |    |    |   |
|--|----|----|----|---|
| Alderman Crynes, Childer's leys, late Thomas Leigh's,        | 4  | 0  | 0  |   |
| Alderman Crynes, for lands,                                  | —  | 6  | 10 | 0 |
| Executors of Alderman Snell, four leys,                      | —  | 13 | 4  | 0 |
| Mr. Richard Smith, for divers farms at Fillongley,           | 12 | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. Edward Owen, for Childer's leys,                         | —  | 15 | 0  | 0 |
| Ann Yates, a tenement and ground at Morgan's waste,          | —  | 1  | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Oletts, for Wheatley's lands,                            | —  | 12 | 0  | 0 |
| Norton Hanson, Esq. for the great house in Smithford-street, | —  | 5  | 0  | 0 |
| Job Jones, for the little Puddycroft,                        | —  | 6  | 0  | 0 |
| Widow Meigh, for little Swan's-croft,                        | —  | 4  | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. Birch, for little Puddycroft,                            | —  | 1  | 13 | 4 |

*Radford.*

|   |   |    |    |               |
|---|---|----|----|---------------|
| Alderman Bradney's heirs, for Pitfield,   | — | 1  | 9  | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| The feoffees of Nuneaton school-land,     | — | 9  | 0  | 0             |
| The city, for Oneley's leys,              | — | 14 | 10 | 0             |
| — Clark, Esq. for lands,                  | — | 2  | 0  | 0             |
| Trinity Church-wardens, lands at Radford, | — | 1  | 4  | 0             |

*Coventry.*

|   |   |    |   |   |
|---|---|----|---|---|
| The Widow Scotton, a rent out of the Saracen's-head,                        | 1 | 6  | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Edward Owen, a rent out of the new house,                               | 9 | 0  | 0 | 0 |
| And for Clifford's rents,   | — | 5  | 0 | 0 |
| The city, for a great messuage in Smithford-street, in Mr. Hanson's tenure, | — | 13 | 4 | 0 |

*Kearsley.*

|   |   |    |   |   |
|---|---|----|---|---|
| Mr. Humphry Burton, for Kearsley rate tithes, payable at May-day, | — | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Nurden, a messuage and piece of ground without Spon-gate,     | — | 4  | 0 | 0 |
| And for a messuage late White's,                                  | — | 1  | 4 | 0 |
| Mr. Coxson's gift, Edward Brown's house and ground at Radford,    | — | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Cumley, for a cellar under St. Mary's-hall,                   | — | 2  | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Withers, for Mayor's parlor,                                  | — | 5  | 0 | 0 |

206 19 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

NUMBER

## NUMBER III.

*Mr. Wheatly's land transferred to new feoffees.*

DEEDS of lease and release, dated the sixteenth and seventeenth of January, 1689. Nathaniel Herriman, Alderman, the only surviving feoffee of the manor, lands, and tenements late of Mr. Thomas Wheatly, Alderman, deceased, granted to John Yardly, Mayor, Francis Herriman, Edward Lapworth, Edward Owen, Thomas Laurance, Edward Bradney, William Snell, Jonathan Daniel, Thomas Rogers, Aldermen, William Meacock, and Ralph Philips, Clothiers, the manor and capital messuage in Little Packington, in the county of Warwick; and all lands, tenements, and commons there, in the several tenures of Richard Adcock<sup>a</sup> and Nicholas Smith, and, late before, of Thomas Rice and Edward Wilson. A tenement and garden, called the George, at Gossford-bargate; then held by Richard Hopkins, Esq. Two cottages and two crofts, lying in the city of Coventry or suburbs; then in the tenure of the said Richard Hopkins, and lately before of Sir Richard Hopkins, and some time of Mrs. Jane Hopkins, and formerly of William Hopkins, Gent. and some time of John Baylis. A tenement in Much Park-street; then held by Richard Ferriman, and late by Edward Cook, some time by John Million, and formerly

a The grounds of which Adcock's farm consists.

|  | A.R.P.       |
|--|--------------|
| Stockfield, and lane belonging to it, - - - - -              | 10 0 0       |
| Barn-field, in three parts, - - - - -                        | 20 0 0       |
| The little Pingle, - - - - -                                 | 10 0 0       |
| Joyner's close, and meadow to it, in two parts, - - - - -    | 16 0 0       |
| Jonamon's piece, - - - - -                                   | 3 0 0        |
| The great meadow, - - - - -                                  | 5 0 0        |
| Conningny and Black-croft, - - - - -                         | 10 0 0       |
| The house and orchard, and croft behind the house, - - - - - | 5 0 0        |
|  | <hr/> 79 0 0 |

merly by Nathaniel Adderly. And three tenements in West-orchard-street; then in the tenure of Jane Hardway, widow, and Thomas Philips, sometime of Thomas Warren, Alice Johnson, and Clement Highford, late of Thomas Walker, John Kemp, and John Bauldin, and formerly Thomas Hardway and John Bauldin. A tenement in Cross-cheaping; then held by William Houghton, sometime by Richard Street, lately by Paul Emerson, since by Thomas Bewley, and lately by John Clark, thread-maker, Samuel Turner, scrivener, Stephen Beal, and Edward Fair-brother. Eight tenements in Ironmonger-row; then in the tenure of William Essex, Thomas Wright, Frances Brown, widow, John May, and Jane Hardway; and late of Edward Harrington, Richard Kilbow, John Waldren, Mrs. Jane Hales, Richard Croak, Thomas Houghton, Thomas Walker, Joyce Herdman, William Slift, John Stokes, Edward Stockton, Richard Houghton, and Richard Grundy; and late of John Hales, Esq. Richard Kilbow, Robert Briverly, Edward Brown, Elizabeth Grundy, and Thomas Hardway. And a tenement in Ironmonger-row aforesaid, on the West side of the street, in the tenure of William Smith; late of Mary Smith, widow, late of William Smith, father of William; and, before, of William Sadler, Edward Barber, Richard Collins, and John Johnson. A messuage at the end of Palmer-lane, then in Sampson Hardiman's tenure; late of Mary Linsey, some time of Ralph Profit, Thomas Parker, William Showel, John Pitcher, Thomas Godfrey, John Hews, — Hews, widow, and Richard Johnson. And two tenements and two shops, in the several tenures of John Thompson, John Mayo, — Floyd, James Hardway, and — Green; and late of George Oaker, John Lilly, John Highford, John Boughton, and John Floyd, situate near the Bull-ring; and late in the tenure of Christopher Killinglay,

Killinglay, Margaret Porteman, William Cook, and Osmand Emmeson, and late of Henry Gosvel, and Thomas Smith. A tenement then in tenure of Richard Brockhurst, and Henry Patrick, in Fleet-street; late of John Tilman, and late of Humphry Smallwood, Alderman; being the corner house adjoining to West-orchard-street; late of Ann Smallwood, John Streton, and Samuel Shaw. A close called the Pool-yard, then in the tenure of Lady Ann Hales; late of Mrs. Jane Hales, widow, late of Alderman Smith, late of John Hales, Esq. A close (whereon a barn lately stood) then in the tenure of Abraham Owen; sometimes of William Styons, and late of John Bays, and since of Martha Bays, and late of Jeremiah Wheat and William Raby. And three closes (in one of which a barn sometimes stood) in Hill-street, in the tenure of Henry Smith, and Susanna Collins, widow; sometimes of John Rampion, late of Gilbert Walding, Thomas Murdock, and Elizabeth Walker, and late of Henry Smith, Gent. deceased, Jeremiah Murdock, and Francis Colling. A close or pasture called Crampus-fields, then in the tenure of — —, and late of Thomas Hobson, and late of William Sewel, and since of Thomas Tims, and late of Luke Tims. A close called the Little Conduit-fields, then in tenure of Joseph Charlton; late of Thomas Arnold, and after of Benjamin Charlton, and afterwards of Elizabeth Charlton. Four selions of land in Shooty-field, then made six ridges or selions, then in the tenure of Ann Gibbons, widow, and late of Richard Gibbons, and late of Mary Charlton, widow, and afterwards of Roger Baker.

All these lands near Barker's-butts, then in the tenure of John Snell, late of Edward Snell, and late of Christian Barker, widow, Jeremiah Murdock, and Judith Murdock, called Ashmore-fields, alias Houghton-fields, in the hamlet of Radford.

A messuage

A messuage and garden, then in the tenure of William Pickern, and Ellen Wandley, widow, in Bishop-street, some time of Thomas Prichard, Gent. since of William Wise, Gent. and Michael Packwood.

And all other lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever, in Coventry and in the city and county of Coventry, which Thomas Potter, Henry Million, and Thomas Clark, surviving feoffees of the manor, lands, tenements, and hereditaments of the said Thomas Wheatly, did convey to Robert Bedford and others by their deed in the third of October, 1650; and which premises the said Robert Bedford, the then only feoffee, by his conveyance the twelfth of February, 1672, did grant to Thomas Bewley, William Jeliff, Joseph Chambers, James Nailer, Julius Billers, William Vale, Ralph Phillips, Thomas Gery, and to the said Nath. Herriman, by the name of Nathaniel Herriman; of the same city, Alderman, and to Samuel Heyward, Thomas Linsey, Thomas King, and Abel Brooksby, and to their heirs and assigns, for ever.



#### NUMBER IV.

*Trinity Rental, or an account of the leases of lands and houses belonging to the parish church of the Holy Trinity, together with the dates, rents improved; chiefly taken from the manuscript of the late Mr. Fetherston Paston, one of the Churchwardens.*

| Gosford-street.   | Rents im-<br>proved. |    | Fines paid. | Rent re-<br>served. | Leases expire.         |    |
|---|----------------------|----|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|----|
|   | £.                   | s. | d.          | £.                  | s.                     | d. |
| M R S. BEWLEY,<br>a house and barn for<br>thirty-one years, |                      |    |             | 1 0 0               | Lad. 1725<br>Mr. Jonas |    |

|  | Rents im-<br>proved.<br>£. s. d. | Fines paid.<br>£. s. d. | Rents re-<br>served<br>£. s. d. | Leases expire. |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Mr. Jonas Crynes, for 2 messuages and gar- dens, from Michaelmas, 1698, for thirty- one years, - - -   |                                  | 14 15 0                 | 1 2 0                           | Mich. 1729     |
| Set to Mr. Crynes, <i>u/supra</i> Job Ensor, from Michaelmas, 1718, for thirty- one years, - - -   | 1 0 0                            | 12 0 0                  | 1 0 0                           | Mich. 1749     |
| <i>Little Park-street.</i>   |                                  |                         |                                 |                |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Samuel, for three bays of building and land, for fifty- one years, - - -  |                                  |                         | 2 10 0                          | Lad. 1737      |
| <i>Cow-lane.</i>   |                                  |                         |                                 |                |
| Sir Thomas Norton, te- nement and garden, Michaelmas, for fifty- one years, - - -  |                                  |                         | 0 10 0                          | Lad. 1737      |
| <i>Earl-street.</i>  |                                  |                         |                                 |                |
| John Tatum, a tenement from Lady-day, 1712, for forty-one years, (new built by him,) <i>Grey-friars-lane,</i>                                | 2 5 0                            |                         | 2 5 0                           | Lad. 1753      |
| To Mr. Richard Adderly, a house, three stables, and two gardens, from Midsummer, 1720, for thirty-one years, at 6 <i>l.</i> per annum. - - - |                                  |                         | 6 0 0                           | Mid. 1751      |
| John Norton, mercer, for a tenement and gar- den, from Lady-day, 1718, for thirty-one years, - - -   |                                  |                         | 3 0 0                           | Lad. 1749      |
| <i>Spon-street.</i>  |                                  |                         |                                 |                |
| Mr. Julius Olds, for a parcel of ground, from Lady-day, 1705, for twenty-one years, - - -  |                                  |                         | 0 13 4                          | Lad. 1726      |
|  | Z                                |                         |                                 | William        |

a. Mr. William Bird paid this rent to Mr. Steane, when Church-warden; being two years in arrears: and is to pay it during this lease, according to his own acknowledgment, &c.

*Richard Steane.*  
*William Spicer.*

|  | Rents im-<br>proved.<br>£. s. d. | Fines paid.<br>£. s. d. | Rents re-<br>served.<br>£. s. d. | Leases expire. |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| William Langton, for<br>messuage, and lease<br>of land, from Lady-<br>day, 1701, for thirty-<br>one years, - - -               | 0 16 0                           |                         | 0 16 0                           | Lad. 1732      |
| Thomas Gery, Esq. a fee-<br>farm rent out of his<br>house, - - -<br><i>Smithford-street.</i>                                   |                                  |                         | 0 3 4                            |                |
| James Tatum, for mes-<br>suage and garden, from<br>Lady-day, 1722, for<br>twenty-one years, at<br>4 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i>     |                                  |                         | 4 10 0                           | Lad. 1743      |
|  | <i>Cook-street.</i>              |                         |                                  |                |
| Samuel Buggs, for mes-<br>suage, from Midsum-<br>mer, 1706, for thirty-<br>one years, - - -                                    | 1 0 0                            |                         | 1 0 0                            | Mid. 1737      |
| Mrs. Bewley, for barn,<br>for thirty-one years, 1 0 0  |                                  |                         | 1 0 0                            | Lad. 1725      |
| Bishop-street [for rental,<br>1706].   |                                  |                         |                                  |                |
| Mrs. Eboral, for the Crane<br>inn, and close called<br>the Pump-close, and<br>another called Ker-<br>vin's-close, - - -        |                                  |                         | 4 8 4                            |                |
| Mrs. Smith, a rent out of a<br>house in Cross-cheap-<br>ing, and a close at<br>Dog-lane, - - -                                 |                                  |                         | 0 3 4                            |                |
| Mr. Robert Smith, a te-<br>nement and garden, in<br>his occupation, - - -<br><i>Well-street.</i>                               |                                  |                         | 0 10 0                           |                |
| John Neal, deceased, a<br>messuage, from Lady-<br>day, 1715, for fifty-one<br>years, in three ten-<br>ments now divided, 2 0 0 | 23 0 0                           | 2 0 0                   | 2 0 0                            | Lad. 1766      |
|  | <i>Cross-cheaping.</i>           |                         |                                  |                |
| Mrs. Ann Sawyer, for a<br>messuage, from Mid-<br>summer,   |                                  |                         |                                  |                |

|  | Rents im-<br>proved.<br>£. s. d. | Fines paid.<br>£. s. d. | Rents re-<br>served.<br>£. s. d. | Leases expire.                   |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| summer, 1708, for<br>twenty-one years, -   | 5 0 0                            | 35 0 0                  | 5 0 0                            | Mid. 1729                        |
| Joseph Ireland, for mes-<br>sueage, from Midsum-<br>mer, 1708, for twenty-<br>one years, - - -   |                                  | 16 2 6                  | 3 10 0                           | Mid. 1729                        |
| Mr. Olds, for fee-farm<br>rent out of John Scot-<br>ton's house, b - - -   |                                  |                         | 1 0 0                            |                                  |
| Mr. Simon Lucas, for a<br>messueage, from Lady-<br>day, 1720, for twenty-<br>one years; and, by or-<br>der of Vestry, June 9,<br>1719, he had ten years<br>added to his lease, at<br>15 <i>l.</i> per annum, - - -               |                                  |                         | 15 0 0                           | Lad. 1751                        |
| Mr. Sept. Bott, for house,<br>Mr. Rew, and Mother,<br>for twenty-one years.<br>N.B. Ten years are<br>added to this lease, to<br>Mr. Samuel Welton,<br>by order of the Vestry,<br>March 11, 1700; 5 <i>l.</i><br>then paid, - - - |                                  |                         | 15 0 0                           | Lad. 1725                        |
| Mr. Benjamin Brock-<br>hurst, for lands lying<br>at Horwell, and Little<br>Horwell, and Over<br>Suchmore, in the ham-<br>let of Radford, and<br>the house in Cross-<br>cheaping, - - -   | 2 0 0                            |                         | 2 0 0                            | Lad. 1725<br>Lad. 1715           |
|  |                                  | 100 0 0                 | 9 10 0                           | Lad. 1725                        |
| Mrs. Cave King, for two<br>bays of stabling, from<br>Lady-day, 1704, for<br>twenty-one years, -  | 1 10 0                           | 10 0 0                  | 0 10 0                           | Lad. 1725<br>[For Rental, 1726.] |
| G. Ratten, for a tene-<br>ment, - - -  |                                  |                         | 0 10 0                           |                                  |

b This is Mrs. Agnes Hurt's gift to the poor for coals.

|  | Rents im-<br>proved.<br>£. s. d. | Fines paid.<br>£. s. d. | Rents re-<br>served.<br>£. s. d. | Leases expire.        |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| The executors of Mr. James Naylor, for an entry in the occupation of W. Wright, 2s. and for a room, part of that dwelling-house, - - -                   |                                  |                         | 0 10 0                           |                       |
| Mr. Kimberly, for a fee-farm rent out of Joseph Hall, the Vicarage house, - - -  |                                  |                         | 1 0 0                            |                       |
| <i>West-orchard.</i>   |                                  |                         |                                  |                       |
| Thomas Dines, for William Hayward's house, Hearsal, al. Horwell.   |                                  |                         | 0 18 0                           | Lad. 1729             |
| Mr. John Gilbert, from Lady-day, 1708, for twenty-one years, 14 0 0  | 100 0 0                          |                         | 14 10 0                          | Lad. 1729             |
| <i>N. B.</i> A new annexion was made to this lease, and another 100 <i>l.</i> fine paid; which reduced the yearly rent to 4 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> - - - | 4 10 0                           | 100 0 0                 | 4 10 0                           |                       |
| John Wallis, junior, for lands, being 8 <i>A.</i> 2 <i>R.</i> 28 <i>P.</i> from Michaelmas, 1722, for twenty-one years, - - -                            |                                  |                         | 12 10 0                          | Mich. 1743            |
| Mr. Christopher Lander, for two closes, late Sept. Bott, - - -   | 50 0 0                           | 2 0 0 0                 |                                  | Lad. 1725             |
| <i>Allesley.</i>   |                                  |                         |                                  |                       |
| Mr. Francis Blythe, from Lady-day, 1707, for forty-one years, of the church lands, - - -   | 40 0 0                           | 10 0 0                  |                                  | Lad. 1748             |
| <i>Foleshill.</i>  |                                  |                         |                                  |                       |
| John Green, for messuage, barn, and two closes, at Bell-green, from Michaelmas, 1705, for twenty years, - - 4 0 0  |                                  |                         | 4 0 0                            | Mich. 1725            |
| <i>Holebrook-house.</i>  |                                  |                         |                                  |                       |
| To Mr. Neal, for forty-one years, and by him set to John Stafford, - - -   |                                  |                         | 15 0 0                           | Mid: 1728<br>Coundon. |

|   | Rents im-<br>proved.<br>£. s. d. | Fines<br>paid.<br>£. s. d. | Rents re-<br>served.<br>£. s. d. | Leases expire.<br>£. s. d. |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Coundon.</i>   |                                  |                            |                                  |                            |
| Robert Smith, Gent. for a messuage and land, from Midsummer, 1719, for twenty-one years,<br>[For rental, 1706.]   |                                  |                            |                                  |                            |
| <i>Brinklow.</i>  |                                  |                            |                                  |                            |
| Mr. Hor. Coakley, a farm, from Lady-day, 1716, for twenty-one years, at 13 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> ; bond to perform covenants, - - -  | 13 10 0                          | 95 0 0                     | 13 10 0                          | <i>Lad.</i> 1737           |
| <i>On this side Radford.</i>  |                                  |                            |                                  |                            |
| To Mr. King, Barr's-hill-close, for thirty-one years, at 8 <i>l.</i> per annum, - - -   | 13 6 8                           | 8 0 0                      |                                  | <i>Lad.</i> 1724           |
| William Warden, junior, at Stoney-Delf, and Stripe, from Michaelmas, 1722, Stripe, 3 <i>A.</i> 1 <i>R.</i> 15 <i>P.</i> for thirty-one years; Stoney-Delf, 3 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> |                                  |                            | 8 0 0                            | <i>Lad.</i> 1753           |
| <i>Kearsley.</i>  |                                  |                            |                                  |                            |
| A rent-charge, out of a land lately belonging to Richard Treen, - - -   |                                  |                            | 0 3 4                            |                            |

*For charitable uses, per Rental 1706.*

|   | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| Mr. Coxon's gift, - - - - -                             | 3 0      |
| Mr. Elkington's gift, - - - - -                         | 2 0 0    |
| Mrs. Jane Picken's gift, - - - - -                      | 1 0 0    |
| Mr. Jesson's gift, - - - - -                            | 10 0     |
| Mr. Godfrey's gift, for cloathing a poor boy, - - - - - | 10 0     |

*Per*

e This lies on the North side of the scite of St. Nicholas's church, and seems to be land divided in Burwey's will. *Vide* Burwey.

|  | <i>Per Rental, 1733.</i> | <i>£. s. d.</i> |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
| To the Vicar, for Mr. Butler's three sermons,                        | 1                        | 0 0             |
| — for Mr. Frankland's sermon,  | —                        | 10 0            |
| Mrs. Hurt's gift, and Mr. Thompson's gift to the poor,<br>for coals, | —                        | 1 10 0          |
| Mrs. Young's gift to twelve poor widows, in or near<br>West-orchard, | —                        | 2 10 0          |

This estate has been very much advanced of late years; so that the sum total, in the rental of 1730, was *276l. 18s. 3d.*: out of which the following chief rents were yearly paid, *viz.*

|   |   |       |        |
|---|---|-------|--------|
| To the King's receiver, at the audit,                                 | — | —     | 2 10   |
| — Lord of Allesley,   | — | —     | 4 8    |
| Free grammar-school, granted thereto by Mr. Hales,                    | — | —     | 2 0    |
| For lands at Helebrook, —   | — | —     | 8 4    |
| — at Radford,   | — | —     | 1 4    |
| To Sir Thomas White's estate, out of the lands at<br>Coundon,         | — | —     | 2 8    |
| To the City Bailiff of the Guild and Chantry, for se-<br>veral rents, | — | —     | 7 8 6  |
|   |   | <hr/> | 8 10 4 |

And also the salaries and wages following, were, in 1730, allowed out of the same.

|   |    |        |
|---|----|--------|
| To the Vicar, for reading prayers on the week days, | 11 | 0 0    |
| To the Organist,                                    | —  | 16 0 0 |
| Clerk,  | —  | 6 10 0 |
| Sexton,   | —  | 5 0 0  |
| And for cleaning the sconces,                       | —  | 1 0 0  |
| To the Overseer of the chimes, and the Clerk,       | —  | 1 4 0  |
| To the Clerk of the Vestry,                         | —  | 1 0 0  |
|   |    | <hr/>  |
|   | 41 | 14 0   |

There are, in the church of Holy Trinity, divers chapels, which were anciently erected by certain guilds or pious benefactors: and, in all probability, some lands were settled in the Church-wardens and others for the repairs of the same. Other lands were given originally for the finding of obits or lights, or such like uses, (*vide Burwey,*) and seem to have been

been put into feoffment about the thirty-fourth year of Henry VIII. for repairs of the said church; by which means, not having been applied to superstitious uses within five years before the statute of Edward VI. (*vide* page 28,) they were not forfeited to the Crown. These lands, with certain houses built upon the church-yard and some subsequent benefactions, seem to make up the estate belonging to this church: and the rents payable to the Corporation out of this estate, may probably be an equivalent for such claim as the Corporation (who purchased the guilds and chantries from the Crown, *vide* page 36) might make upon them from the continuance of any payment to a chantry priest, or other superstitious uses, within the five years preceding the said statute.

If this conjecture be right, we have great reason to surmise that this estate is chargeable with several charitable donations; for, in all the Popish wills, (which we have seen,) the lands given for the maintenance of obits are made liable to certain annual payments to the poor in alms.

*Charity School, for girls in Trinity parish.*

This School, which has been maintained about twenty years, (1733,) owes it's subsistence, in great measure, to an annual subscription of the parishioners, and a collection made at a charity sermon preached every year. There are indeed some benefactions in monies, given some years ago by Lady Ann Hales, Mrs. Bearcroft, and others; which are now applied towards the maintenance of the said School: but, as the same have not been brought under any regulations, by proper feoffments or otherwise, nor any accounts settled of the interest received, or the disbursement made, we can only say, that (according to our information) the whole of these

these benefactions, amounting to about the sum of 100*l.* have lately been lodged in the hands of the Vestry, who have given bond for the same to Mr. W. Grove, jun. Mr. Thomas Smith, Mr. John Sutton, Mr. Simon Villers, Mr. John Knowles, &c.



## NUMBER V.

*St. Michael's Rental.*

|  | £. | s. | d.     |
|--|----|----|--------|
| HARDINGWORTH-FIELDS, in Stoke,   | 6  | 0  | 0      |
| Mr. Nichols's gift, paid by the Wardens, <sup>d</sup>  | —  | 1  | 0 0    |
| For the repairs of the great bell,   | —  | —  | 13 4   |
| Womandham rent, <sup>e</sup>   | —  | —  | 4 0 0  |
| Mr. John Edward's house, next the three tuns,  | 5  | 0  | 0      |
| Mr. Clark's tenement, in his occupation,   | —  | 2  | 0 0    |
| Mr. Mitchel, a barn and croft in Far Gosford-street,   | 3  | 0  | 0      |
| Skeer's three tenements there; one set to John Dann,<br>one to Lar. Finch, the other in his own occupa-<br>tion, | —  | 7  | 0 0    |
| Mr. Hall, for Witherly-house, in Little Park-street,   | 10 | 0  | 0      |
| The Fountain, by the gaol, <sup>f</sup>  | —  | —  | 1 10 0 |
| A barn and stable in Dead-lane, in the occupation of<br>— Eves,  | —  | —  | 5 0    |
| The Mayor and Aldermen, for interest of 20 <i>l.</i>   | 1  | 0  | 0      |
| Alderman Chambers's gift, <sup>g</sup>   | —  | 6  | 0 0    |
|  | 37 | 18 | 4      |

NUMBER

d *Vide* Nichols.

e In relation to this estate we find, that, by indenture, April, 31 Elizabeth, William Gamble granted to Richard Smith & al. two messuages and a cottage, at 4*l.* per annum; Womandham. That, on the twentieth of September following, an indenture was executed between Richard Smith & al and the Mayor, &c. of two messuages, a cottage, and four acres of lands, &c. in Womandham. That, in 1590, the city paid Mr. Sergeant Shuttleworth, for his advice in Womandham cause, 10*s.*; and Mr. Steward, Marton's servant, for drawing and ingrossing certain books for Womandham, 8*s.* That, July 20, 1728, the C—ty received two years rent for Womandham, due to St. Michael's church.

f This was, formerly, Sycock's tavern; and was given to the Church, Wardens, &c. by Mr. Coke. *Vide* Coke.

g *Vide* Chambers.

## NUMBER VI.

*A survey of the farm in Norton juxta Twycross, Mr. Wale's gift; with the boundaries of all the land lying in the Common Fields: taken in May, 1630.*<sup>b</sup>

THE City's part of the house containing these rooms following; the parlor, the chamber over it, two little low rooms adjoining to the parlor, and one room over them, the kitchen, with a chamber above it; the kiln-house, and one barn near Stoniford-field, one piece of land called the Hemp-plat, all the ground leading from the upper corner toft of the said kitchen, and so by the midst of the well into the Hemp-plat aforesaid, on the North-east side of the same house, and from the midst of the gate next the street, then directly straight to the pales of the garden on the South-west sides of the same messuage, into a close called Nether-croft.

|   | A. R. P.           |
|---|--------------------|
| The bigger orchard, containing  | — — —              |
| The nether croft, near adjoining to the house,  | 1 3 25             |
|   | 2 0 17             |
| <i>Meadow.</i>  |                    |
| One little piece of meadow, called the Headland-piece, lying in Broad-meadow, containing                                | — 1 22             |
| A parcel of the great meadow, adjoining to the land of Thomas Dyson on the West, and the land of Mr. Smith on the East, | — 3 12             |
| Another piece of the same meadow, the land of Mr. George Abney, East, and the land of Mr. Smith, West,                  | 1 2 4<br>2 2 38    |
| A close, called Whorestone-close,   | — 6 3 25           |
| A close, called Crow-close,   | — 4 0 1<br>10 3 26 |
| <i>A a</i>  |                    |
| <i>Vide Wale.</i>   |                    |

Arable,

*Arable, in Stoniford-field.**A. R. P.*

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| A flat, called Ash-row-flat, being twelve lands and one broad balk, ten of which lands cutting somewhat shorter than the other two; the glebe land on the West side, and the common on the East, | 2 3 24 |
| The flat called Stoniford-flat, being twenty-four lands suting towards the East and West; the land of Widow Burnham towards the South, the glebe land on the North, — — —                        | 5 0 33 |

*Stoniford-field.*

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| One flat more, there, called Brinstone-flat, suting towards the East and West; being nine butts cutting short, and eight lands running through the lands of Mr. Smith towards the South, one part of the same flat, and the land of Peter Everit and others, North: which flat, according to the old survey, should contain 6 A. 3 R. 13 P. but it wants 3 R. and is but — — — — | 6 0 13 |
|--|--------|

*Church-field and Mill-field.*

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| One flat there, called Breach-flat; being thirteen lands suting towards the North, and the land of Mr. Abney, West, and the land of the glebe, and John Cooper and others, toward the East, —                              | 2 3. 0 |
| The flat called Sixteen-lands; fourteen lands and one balk suting East and West, and two hadlands at the East end of the same suting North and South, the land of Mr. Smith on the South, and William Hill, North, — — — — | 3 3 15 |
| The flat called Eleven-lands, and one balk, suting East and West; the land of Widow Burnham, North, and the land of Thomas Croxall and others, South, —  | 3 2 30 |

*Leaver's-field.*

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| The flat called the Great-flat there, being a pit in the same, containing twenty-six lands; ten of the same suting East and West, and sixteen lands and one balk suting North and South: Widow Burnham, North, and part of the same flat, South, — | 6 1 0  |
| The flat called Thirteen-lands, with two balks, suting towards the North and South; John Cooper, West, and the glebe land East: the same plot now doled out to the quantity of — — —   | 3 1 9  |
| The flat called the Five-lands, now suting East and West, in Kendal's hedge, South, the land of Mr. George Abney, North, — — —   | 1 1 23 |

There

|  | A. R. P. |
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| There is, belonging to the said farm, in arable, lying common, — — — — —   | 35 1 35  |
| The moiety of the lot-grass and commonable grounds, with the moiety of all the common of pasture belonging to the house, now divided between the city and Mr. Smith. |          |
| The whole of all the known lands belonging to the city, containeth — — — — —   | 51 0 36  |

## NUMBER VII.

*A Rental of Sir Thomas White's estate; from Lady-day, 1724, to Lady-day, 1725.*

## Chief-rents;

|   | £. s. d.      |
|---|---------------|
| <b>G</b> ILBERT CLERK, Esq. — — — — —         | 2 0           |
| Mr. Robert Smith, — — — — —                   | 3 3           |
| Mr. Humphrey Burton, — — — — —                | 4 0           |
| John Garret, — — — — —                        | 2 0           |
| Widow Gam, — — — — —                          | 2 0           |
| Mr. Ebourn, — — — — —                         | 1 4           |
| The Mayor and Bailiffs of Coventry, — — — — — | 16 8          |
| Fillongly-court, — — — — —                    | 6 8           |
| Trinity parish, — — — — —                     | 2 8           |
| Mr. Fullilove, — — — — —                      | 4 0           |
| Sir Thomas Gery, — — — — —                    | 6 8           |
| Mr. Keeling, alias Cricklow, — — — — —        | 5 0 0         |
|   | <u>7 11 8</u> |

## Coundon.

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Gilbert Clark, Esq. — — — — — | 1 0 0  |
| Gilbert Clark, Esq. — — — — — | 20 0 0 |

## Radford.

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mr. Joseph Rogers, — — — — —     | 91 0 0         |
| Widow Rogers, — — — — —          | 17 0 0         |
| William Gravener, — — — — —      | 7 10 0         |
| Samuel Catterns, — — — — —       | 10 0 0         |
| Thomas Hart, — — — — —           | 4 0 0          |
| Joseph Meigh, — — — — —          | 23 10 0        |
| Mr. Thomas Warden, — — — — —     | 52 0 0         |
| Widow Smith, — — — — —           | 6 12 0         |
| Mr. Joseph Smith, — — — — —      | 20 0 0         |
| Mr. Cater's executors, — — — — — | 4 0            |
|                                  | <u>260 7 8</u> |

## APPENDIX,

|              | Stoke. | £. s. d. |
|--------------|--------|----------|
| Mr. Malcher, | —      | 4 0 0    |
| Mrs. Munn,   | —      | 16 13 4  |

## Sow.

|                                     |   |         |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------|
| Mr. Cater's executors, <sup>a</sup> | — | 98 0 0  |
| Mr. Higginson, <sup>b</sup>         | — | 100 0 0 |
| Richard Hewit,                      | — | 18 10 0 |
| John Spencer,                       | — | 5 0     |
| William Turner,                     | — | 10 0    |
| Henry Green, Esq. for Coal-mines.   |   |         |

|   | A. R. P.                |          |
|---|-------------------------|----------|
| Dean's farm,  | —                       | 3 0 0    |
| Wiking croft,   | —                       | 4 3. 10. |
| The Riding,   | —                       | 5 0 16   |
| Tackford, in five parts,—                               | The Meadow,             | 4 0 6    |
|   | First Close,            | 3 3 32   |
|   | Corner Close,           | 4 3 12   |
|   | Little Close,           | 2 2 6    |
|   | Farther Close,          | 4 0 2    |
| Lands near the house,—                                  | The Hatil Close,        | 9 0 36   |
|   | The nether Hatil Close, | 9 1 24   |
|   | The upper Hatil Close,  | 6 0 4    |
| The long-close, from Leicester-way to the house,        | —                       | 13 0 32  |
| The house, and all within the moat,                     | —                       | 2 0 2    |
| The Grove,  | —                       | 3 1 20   |
| The angle close, by Leicester-road,                     | —                       | 9 2 5    |
| The next close, in three parts,                         | —                       | 15 2 30  |
| The slung meadow,                                       | —                       | 2 0 2    |
| The new lane, and bits of grass by it,                  | —                       | 1 3 8    |
| The little coal-pit close,                              | —                       | 8 0 1    |
| The great coal-pit close, in two parts,                 | —                       | 20 2 9   |
| The Cocksell,   | —                       | 6 0 32   |
| The dole in the meadow,                                 | —                       | 3 4      |
| The Knockhill, in three parts; the first in two parts,  | —                       | 13 3 18  |
| The middle,   | —                       | 14 1 6   |
| The farther, in three parts,                            | —                       | 17 1 8   |
| Leicester-road,   | —                       | 7 0 4    |
|   |                         | 189 1 3  |
| Waste land, viz. house, hedges, ditches, land-pits, &c. | —                       | 91 0 10  |
|   |                         | 168 0 33 |

|  |      |         |
|--|------|---------|
| b Hawksbury-farm, five little crofts and meadows about the house,<br>with the orchard and garden; containing | —    | 5 0 45  |
| Cockslet close,  | —    | 3 2 60  |
| Great close, next the same,  | —    | 12 2 20 |
| The little grove at the end thereof,   | —    | 2 0     |
| The meadow at the end of the same,   | —    | 1 2 25  |
| A close between the close and house,   | —    | 16 0 0  |
| Hawksbury-grove,   | —    | 28 0 0  |
| The waste belonging to the said farm, in tillage, leyes, and meadow, is                                      | —    | 240 0 0 |
| The sum of acres that are several, are   | 68   |         |
| Common in the waste,   | 240  |         |
| Total of acres,  | 308. |         |

|                      | Coventry. | £. s. d.       |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Mr. King,            | —         | 16 0 0         |
| Mrs. Bewley,         | —         | 44 10 0        |
| Lawrence Wright,     | —         | 6 0 0          |
| Mr. Edward Owen,     | —         | 1 6 0          |
| Widow Meigh,         | —         | 12 0 0         |
| Mr. Ash,             | —         | 20 0 0         |
| Mr. Hytch,           | —         | 44 0 0         |
| Mr. Bryan,           | —         | 22 10 0        |
| Mr. Scott,           | —         | 16 0 0         |
| Robert Hudson,       | —         | 8 10 0         |
| Mr. Cockram,         | —         | 55 0 0         |
| Benion and Dullison, | —         | 65 0 0         |
| Charles Buggs,       | —         | 47 10 0        |
| William Hayward,     | —         | 3 0 0          |
| Richard Francis,     | —         | 13 0 0         |
| Edward Foster,       | —         | 2 0 0          |
| William Langton,     | —         | 7 10 0         |
| John Nichols,        | —         | 7 0 0          |
| Samuel Walker,       | —         | 4 0 0          |
| Mr. Birch,           | —         | 6 0 0          |
| Alderman Ebourn,     | —         | 3 0 0          |
| Mr. Richard Hall,    | —         | 30 0 0         |
| <b>Total,</b>        |           | <b>932 2 0</b> |

END OF THE CHARITIES.



*A particular and authentic Account*  
OF THE  
**COMMON GROUNDS,**  
Of and belonging to the  
**CITY OF COVENTRY;**

*Copied from an original record by Mr. Humphrey Wanley, and deposited among the rest of his manuscripts in the British Museum.*

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*A copy of a grant made from one Walter of Coventry,  
concerning common of pasture, &c.*

**K**NOW all that be or shal be, That J. Walter of Coventrye have given and by this Charter confirmed to all the Comburgisses of Coventrye common of all the pasture for all the cattle in all my lands; as well <sup>a</sup> now of inclosed as otherwaiers as heretofore time they hade it: to have and to hold to them and to their heires in fee and inheritance for ever. In witness whereof to this my present charter for the reverence of William of Arthingworth I have put to my <sup>b</sup> seal. These being Witnesses Henery of Rookeby Gilbert of Folkeshill William of <sup>c</sup> Binley with many others.

*Another*

<sup>a</sup> Of new

<sup>b</sup> Hand and

<sup>c</sup> Pinley

*Another grant, from Sir Roger de Montealto.*

The Earl of March Sir Roger Demontealto and his wife Lady Cicil one of the heirs of the Earl of Chester when they gave their manor of Coventre to the Prior and licensed the Prior to improve Whitmore Newlande Hasilwoode and all the Waste and and Common grounds yet they reserved the <sup>d</sup> liberties of Common and Pasture in the premises for tenants and freeholders as also they reserved Childsmore and the service of the lands of the hamlets as appeareth by usage at this day and by the deed of Roger Demontealto remaining in the Treasury of the Citty and also by their fine of record at Westminster and also by the deed of the said Lady Cecily in her widowhood made to the Prior by this special exception saving to all Cottiers reasonable Pasture and Commons for soe many beasts <sup>e</sup> as they bin Abel hereafter to keepe and which they ought and were wont to have aswel by right as by custome.

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*A note of the whole Common Grounds belonging to  
the citie of Coventrie.*

EDWARD by the Grace of God King of England and France Lord of Ireland to all to whom these presents shall come. We have inspected the tenor of a certain order made the sixteenth day of February in the first year of the reign of Henry the Sixth late King of England in fact and not of right and the tenor of a presentation made the twelfth day of March then next following before Henry Peyto<sup>f</sup> late Mayor and the Bailiffs of the city of Coventry

<sup>d</sup> Commons and

<sup>e</sup> So many beasts with which they may conveniently plough their arable lands; and which, by reason of those lands, as well by right as of custom, they ought and were wont to have Common.

<sup>f</sup> Peyto.

Coventry concerning the common of pasture of the said city which the King as is aforesaid caused by his command to come into his chancery remaining upon the files of our chancery in these words The presentation made at Coventry before Henry Peto Mayor and John Brantofte and John Bristowe Bailiffs of the city of Coventry the sixteenth day of February in the first year of the reign of King Henry the Sixth after the conquest by eight-and-forty good and lawful men of the said city whose names are William Belgrat, &c. which eight-and-forty good men aforesaid do order in manner following, to wit;

Forasmuch as dissensions stirring and motions have been had before this time and not long agoe for due Commons the which have not been constantly known as for Common *and that* insueing perills hereafter might fall the sixteenth day of February the first year reigning of King Henery the Sixth after the conquest first the said Mayor and his Counsel thus have ordayned and provided that there should be four parts of the city of Coventre that is to say East West North and South, and certain of antient and wise men *were* charged for the inquiry of the Commons of the said city and what fields ought as of old time and of common right to be Common and then to bring to the said Mayor in writing of the end that hereafter it might be registered and so the Commons openly knowne.

#### THE EAST PART.

Whereupon they that were charged to inquire for the East part of the same city, that is to say for the highway that leadeth from Coventre to Binley upon the *one* side unto the highway that is called Sewal pavement which leads from Coventre towards Leicester on the other side and to bring it in writing unto the said Mayor on Munday next before the

feast of St. Gregorie Pope next after ensuing. At the same day they came unto the said Mayor in manner and forme following and these be the names of them that brought in the East part Jno Welford Benedict Marshall Ralf Ollot Richard Walter John Stretton taylor John Stafford wire-drawer John Bretton John Cotton Wm Destor John Abraham weaver Robert Desford John Richford John Bryan the which John Welford and his fellowes aforesaid at the day limitted came in and say there is a field which is called Bishopsey<sup>g</sup> and it lyeth in breadth from Wall frier longe<sup>h</sup> on the one part unto a highway in Hasyllwoode leading from Coventre to Leicester and in length from Coats wast unto a highway in Hasillwood leading from Coventre towards Nuneaton and that field that is to say Bishopsey is Common at the feast of Lammas. They say also that Billingsfield the which lyeth between Leylonge<sup>i</sup> croft and Swannes lane in breadth and length from another field which is called Swaynes<sup>k</sup> croft unto a field of Rich. Bellors that is called Newfield and they say that the same Billingsfield is<sup>l</sup> Common from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel unto the feast of the Purification of our Lady the Virgin. Also they say that Powers<sup>m</sup> wast in Hasillwood the which stretcheth in breadth from Showels Payment<sup>n</sup> unto Swaines lane<sup>o</sup> and in length from the land of Rich. Bellors unto the broad oak in Hasillwood is Common as they have heard of old time but they say as in that as far as they now think it bath been sometimes holden as Common and sometimes as severall. Also they say that Ludlow field the which stretcheth from Danniell Grove unto Gosford Green in length and breadth from Sow lane to the way that leadeth to Binley is Common at Lammas.

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<sup>g</sup> Bishop's-hey. <sup>h</sup> Wall furlong. <sup>i</sup> The long. <sup>k</sup> Swannes.  
<sup>l</sup> Billingsfields are. <sup>m</sup> Prior's. <sup>n</sup> Sewall pavement. <sup>o</sup> Swans.

## THE SOUTH PART.

And they that were charged to inquire for the South part that is to say from the water of Sherborn that runneth to Whitley unto HearsalCommons *came in* and say in manner and form following and these be their names John Clarke Wm Bird Robt. Dinnocke Wm Faseman John Chetwynd Tho Daw John Everton Tho Harris Wm Swainoy Nich Byfield John Franklin Wm Frisbye Wm Brooke John Runton Tho Worley Henry Birdadorn dier John Benit Richard Bushburie Wm Marshal Rich Cox Tho Sporier John Archer sadler John Jayvens the which John Clarke and his fellows say that there is a croft without the Newgate of John Clarke's as yet contayneth three lands and a halfe is Common at Lammas and all the fields<sup>p</sup> meadows that be from the said croft and the barn of John Mitchells unto Whitley and in length and breadth from the highway that leadeth to London unto the water of Sherborn which cometh to Whitley are Common at Lammas except a grove that Thomas Wildgreens holdeth of the <sup>q</sup> Bretheren and Sisters of Trinitie Gilde of Coventre and a ground that is called St. Annes Grove and except also a meadowe which is called Altogether Meadow<sup>r</sup> the which Lawrence Cooke now holdeth they are all severall. Also they say that all the fields meadowes and crofts on the right hand of the same way that leadeth from Coventre to London that is to say from the tenements quondam Thome Lybrad<sup>s</sup> the which houses Passell modo tenet unto a water running under Whitley in length and in breadth from the said high way unto a garden that is called Paradise and so by the side of Little Park and Much Park unto Park Milford are Common at Lammas. Also they

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say

<sup>p</sup> Crofts and<sup>q</sup> Master.<sup>r</sup> Altogether Meadow was late in the occupation of Mr. Gilbert Walden, sometime of Thomas Libbard, which Hotchill Possell now holdeth.

say that the field that is called Crabtree field with other three crofts annexed to the same field and alsoe Denge field<sup>t</sup> the which lyeth betweene the high waye that leadeth from Coventre to Stivichal and Somer leasowe in breadth and length from Childsmore green unto the Myrie field and unto Elmsden<sup>u</sup> fields be Common from the feast of St. Michael until Candlemass.

Also they say that Summer leasowe field with all the crofts annexed to the same field the which lieth from Summer leasowe lane unto a field that is called Parson's field of the Span in length and breadth from a croft of Adam Hilons<sup>w</sup> unto a lane that leadeth from Span end unto Hearsall lane is Common.

Also they say that Bodie<sup>x</sup> croft that leadeth from Crow lane unto a ditch called the Town ditche in breadth and length from the garden of Childsmore green unto Spon brooke is Common at the feast of Lammas unto the Purification of our Lady,

#### THE WEST PART.

The names of them that were charged for the inquirie for the West part of the cittie of Coventre that is to say from Candul<sup>y</sup> lane to Hearsall Richard Hicklinge John Gale Wm Penler John Bruston John Dister John Bowyer Tho Pawell John Browne draper Wm Pratt Hugo Ridgley John Lisingham the which Richard Hicklinge and his fellowes abovenamed came in at their day limited and say that these fields under-written ought to be Common from Lammas until the Purification of our Lady from year to year that is to say Frithfield Hammefield<sup>z</sup> with a meadow at the end of the said field. Brasselfield with a meadow at the end of Bayney<sup>a</sup> field, Bowyerey<sup>b</sup> croft, Skiners croft, Hulfield,<sup>c</sup> the which Hulfield stretcheth himself

<sup>t</sup> Penny. <sup>u</sup> Elsden. <sup>w</sup> Hiton's. <sup>x</sup> Poddy. <sup>y</sup> Cowndon. <sup>z</sup> Hammep. <sup>a</sup> Baine. <sup>b</sup> Bowerey. <sup>c</sup> Hillfield.

himself unto Ashaw; the which fields abovenamed do belong unto the place of the Spanne which Tho Bedford holdeth and these fields lie on the North part of the highway from Coventre to Allesley. And also they say that one John Ray of Coventre sen. in his time made covenant with the Mayor and Chamberlaines of the same city that if he should have the fields as severall dureing his life and his wifes, that then after their decease the said fields should remain to the use and profit of the Chamberlaines of the city of Coventry for ever for the which grant he and his wife were suffered to hold the said fields as severall dureing their lives but they say *one* after John Wraye broke the covenant abovesaid and the said fields sold to one Rob Newton of Coventre, whereof the Commonalty seeing his deceipt entred into the said fields as common and so used them as is above specified.

Also they say that <sup>d</sup>Goldg. croft belonging to the house of the hospital of St. Johns in Coventre lyeing by the highway that leadeth from Allesley highway unto Candull ought to be Common at Lammes as is aforesaid. Also they say that the said highway that leadeth from Allesley highway unto Candull highway is stopped where it ought to be opened. Also they say that of the West side of the same highway that is stopped the crofts and fields following ought to be Common as it is abovesaid that is to say Carving<sup>e</sup> croft of the tenure of the Priors of Coventre and a crofte the which John Pinchbacke holdeth of the Trinitie gild as Crosfield and a field called Lichfield the which Rob Lirpoole holdeth. Also they say that the croft which reacheth unto Black Orchard and Marlfield beyond the said Orchard the which Wm Stone holdeth of the Prior and Convent of Coventre ought to be Common at the feast of Lammes as aforesaid. Also they say that the highway which is called

called Blacklane the which leadeth to Allesley highway unto Hearsall is Common at all times in the year.<sup>f</sup> And also they say that all the fields of John Parker that are called Whobberlye fields that lye on this side neare to Guppellane<sup>g</sup> are and ought to be Common at Lammas as is above specified except the homestalls and two crofts next unto Guppellane aforesaid the which are severall. Also they say on the North side beyond Bedfords field abovesaid these fields following be Common at Lammas as is above specified that is to say a field of the which field one parcell is of John Clarkes of Coventry and another parcel that belongeth to the Chaunterie called Pearcyes<sup>h</sup> Chaunterie and a field called Pearce's<sup>i</sup> field belonging to the said Chaunterie and died Manswelfield.<sup>k</sup>

Also they say that there is a way leading from Coundul<sup>l</sup> way through the Mill-haye unto Spowne<sup>m</sup> cross the which is stopped wrongfully as it seemeth by hedgeing and parting on every side of the same. Also they say that on the other side of the same way which is stopped these fields underwritten are Common from Lammas until the Purification of our Ladie yearly that is to say Scotcher field the Peartree field of William Winnonswould<sup>n</sup> leading unto a common highway that is called Dead-lane, also Windmill field and two crofts leading from the said highway that is called Dead-lane unto a More<sup>o</sup> of Wm Winnonswould. Also another croft of Margaret Halles<sup>p</sup> leading itself unto the Sponbrook. Also they say that the said highway that is called Dead-lane that leadeth from Sponbridge towards the Hill-crosse ought to be opened at all times in the year. Also they say that

<sup>f</sup> And ought to be opened and not inclosed.

<sup>g</sup> Guphill-lane. <sup>h</sup> Percy's. <sup>i</sup> Percy's.

And also a field called Shelfield, belonging to the Chauntry, and Dudman's field.

<sup>l</sup> Cowndon. <sup>m</sup> Span. <sup>n</sup> Wimmondswoold. <sup>o</sup> Moor. <sup>p</sup> Hales.

that these fields hereafter following on the other side of the said Dead-lane ought to be Common from Lammas until the Purification that is to say a croft that is called Hulseyard<sup>q</sup> with ten gardens therein ordayned of which gardens Richard Southam holdeth a parcel the heires of John Pope holdeth another parcel Wm Atleborough holdeth the third parcel and for as much as the said parcels of gardens<sup>r</sup> be honestly made and little harm to the city their beseeching the said Mayor and his Counsel the said holders of the aforesnamed parcels of gardens now have them severall at all times of the year paying a stint to the Chamberlaines yearly as it is recorded.

#### THE NORTH PART.

Also they that were charged to inquire of the North part of the city of Coventre that is to say from Leicester highway unto Coundull lane came in and said in manner and forme following and these be the names Robert Lirpoole John Painter John Dowty Stildisler, Ralph Chandler John Letherfield mercer John Allesley Wm Curdworth Wm Winnonswould John Mongromery Wm Carsley Wm Stanton the which Robert Lirpool and his fellows above-named came in and said that there be two crofts that lye from a barne of Wm Winnonswould unto a field that is called Cramp<sup>s</sup> field in breadth and length from Coundull unto Hill-mill meadow and these two crofts are Common at Lammas unto the feast of the Purification of our Lady. Also they say that the said Crampfield otherwise called Maryhull grove<sup>t</sup> being<sup>u</sup> from the said two crofts unto Boteman's<sup>w</sup> acre and in length and breadth from Coundul lane unto Hill-mill meadow is Common at Lammas until Candlemas also Boteman's acre the which lieth between Crampfield

<sup>q</sup> Hallyard. <sup>r</sup> Are Common, yet they are enjoyed as several.  
<sup>s</sup> Gramppe. <sup>t</sup> Miry-hill field grove. <sup>u</sup> Lying. <sup>w</sup> Bottman's.

Cramfield<sup>x</sup> in length and breadth from Coundul lane Childers leys<sup>y</sup> are Common at feast of Lammas until the Purification of our Lady. Also they say that the two crofts which are called Packcrofts lieing between Boteman's<sup>z</sup> acre and two parcels lieing by Radford way in length and breadth from Childers-laye's unto a field of <sup>a</sup> Winnonswould the which Rob Weston now holdeth are Common at Lammas until the feast of the Purification of our Lady.

Also they say that a croft of Wm Winnonswould lieing between the highway that is called Radford lane and the Packes<sup>b</sup> croft is Common at Lammas til Candlemass. Also they say that Beller charge<sup>c</sup> and Hill-mill medow with all the fields and crofts lieing between Radford and Cram<sup>d</sup> field in breadth and in length from two crofts and the houses and gardens belonging to St. Maries alter in Trinitie church that with<sup>e</sup> two croft houses and gardens are several unto a lane leading from Boteman's acre are Common at Lammas till Candlemas except a house with a garden sometimes of John Askener<sup>f</sup> of Kenel-worth and a barn with a garden of John Walgram<sup>g</sup> and a croft with a dove-house of the tenure of the Prior and Covent of Coventre the which are several.

Also they say that Quarry which Edward Litchfield holdeth the which lieth<sup>h</sup> at his half the church of St. Nicholas is Common at Lammas until the feast of our Lady. Also they say that from the house and gardens of Hen Preston and also from the croft of Wm Winnonswould the which is several unto a barn leading unto Nuneaton way towards Sandpit lane in length and breadth from the way that leadeth to the church of St. Nicholas unto Nuneaton way all crofts and fields are Common at Lammas unto the Purification

<sup>x</sup> And Ashmore field.

<sup>y</sup> And All-Childersley's.

<sup>z</sup> Bateman's.

<sup>a</sup> Wm.

<sup>b</sup> Pakes.

<sup>c</sup> Bell orchard.

<sup>d</sup> Grampc.

<sup>e</sup> The which.

<sup>f</sup> Skinner.

<sup>g</sup> Walgrave.

<sup>h</sup> On this side of.

cation of our Ladie. Also they say that all crofts and fields that lie from the church of St. Nicholas unto Whitemore hedge in length and breadth from Sandpit lane and Fukers<sup>i</sup> grove unto Radford lane or way are Common at Lammas till Candlemas except a croft of John Onley and a croft called Radford mill croft the which are several. They say two crofts of the tenure of the Prior and Covent of Co-ventre the which lyeth between Staple croft and Bush<sup>k</sup> field lane in length and breadth are Common from Lammas until the Purification of our Lady. They say that there be two other crofts called Shugmore's<sup>l</sup> crofts lieing between Staple<sup>m</sup> field and Whitmore field in length and breadth from Sandpit lane unto a highway that is called Eaton way and they are Common at Lammas until the Purification of our Lady. Also there is another croft that is called Swanes croft and a croft of the Priors of Co-ventre the which John Brightmore now holdeth the which lieth between a croft of the said Priors that Robert Lirpool holdeth and a croft of the Masters of St. John's unto Boote green in length and breadth from the way that leadeth unto Eaton unto a lane which *leadeth* unto Pickelly<sup>n</sup> Peers Crosse are Common at Lammas until Candlemas. Also they say that all the fields and crofts lieing from Penemore unto the highway leading unto Quentford in length and breadth from the highway that is called Eaton way unto a water running from Quentford unto Swains well are Common at Lammas until Candlemas. Also they say there is a croft in Hazillwood being in length by Eaton way and in breadth from the said way unto the land of the Brethren and Sisters of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist and that croft is Common from Lammas until the feast of the Purification of our Lady.

<sup>i</sup> Sucker's.

<sup>k</sup> Bishop's.

<sup>l</sup> Shuckmore's,

<sup>m</sup> Steeple,

<sup>n</sup> Pickledy, or Pickledeepe.

